

COMMENT OF THE DAY

Housing

THE "doubts and misgivings" which the Hon. M. W. Lo expressed on Wednesday concerning Government's housing scheme are readily understood. They are, quite clearly, prompted not by any uncertainty as to the principles which have guided Government's decision, but by the magnitude of the project. No local authority in England would contemplate the provision of low-cost houses for 300,000 people without a sense of awe, and few, if any, would go so far as seriously to put forward such an undertaking to the Housing Ministry. But while it is true the size of Hongkong's housing scheme is equivalent to resettling a large-sized English city, our yardstick when it comes to doing something positive about housing has to be different. Any action to be taken must be commensurate with the magnitude of the problem, and so far as one can see the only agency which can aspire towards the needed target is Government. To date the provision of suitable, sanitary, uncrowded housing for the Colony's population has been restricted to the construction of flats and dwelling houses, rents for which can be met only by the middle or higher income groups. None will underestimate the valuable contribution which private enterprise has made in this way towards easing the housing shortage, but it still leaves untouched the real problem. Thus the question is posed: is anything or nothing to be done about it? If action is to be taken, then it must be of necessity, be on a large scale, otherwise the project defeats its own end. In short it must be all or nothing.

IT was because we have long been convinced that housing must be tackled in a big way if it is to be tackled at all that we welcomed Government's project. We still do. This is not a matter of Government versus Private Enterprise. The essential requirement is to find the agency in the best position to promote and finance a full-scale low-cost housing scheme for the lower-income members of the community. Government appears to be the answer because it can at least sponsor a long-term undertaking permitting of capital recuperation over a 20 to 25 years' period. Private enterprise could not be expected to assume a similar obligation. This is a point which the Colonial Secretary failed to mention specifically when he referred to subsidies which he said Government was prepared to make available to the Housing Authority. It is, in effect, a hidden subsidy, but it remains an integral part of the low-cost housing scheme, more especially as the Hon. R.B. Black made it clear that rents are to bear a definite relationship to the real cost of the flats. Manifestly this can only be done, and at the same time make the accommodation available at rentals within the income of the tenants, if the charges against the capital account can be spread over a long period. The practicability of the official project has still to be tested. But it already possesses the merit of being the product of very careful thought; and to it can be applied valuable lessons derived from the pilot housing schemes. We believe it has a good chance of succeeding and eventually of giving to the less privileged sections of the Colony's population housing accommodation which they need, but which hitherto has been denied them.

£4 Million Trade Deal With Communist China

CONTRACTS SIGNED BY BRITISH BUSINESSMEN Cover Wide Range Of Commodities

Why Britain Said No To Indo-China Air Strike

From DEREK MARKS
Geneva, Apr. 29.

Delegates here are attacking Britain in private conversation for her refusal to join America in an air strike to relieve the French garrison at Dien Bien Phu.

Now I can reveal three reasons why guided British decision. The plan was rejected at the highest level because:

1. It was assessed that an air strike would do nothing to relieve the situation for General de Castries' men.

2. It was assessed that such an air strike could not be an end in itself. Strong ground troops would be needed to follow up and thus Britain and America would at once take on a military commitment of unpredictable size.

3. It was assessed that such a strike would inevitably provoke the gravest political and diplomatic repercussions that would have endangered the Geneva conference and that it might have been taken to justify Chinese intervention in Indo-China, thus precipitating a third world war.

ONLY A GESTURE

These assessments were arrived at independently by Britain's military and political experts. Both say an air strike at Dien Bien Phu could only amount to a military gesture which was bound to fail and almost certainly would produce a political and diplomatic disaster.

But among the French and American delegates here in Geneva different views are taken. The French, with some understatement, say Britain's attitude is "unpleasant."

The Americans are more forthright. They claim bluntly that aid for Dien Bien Phu was "blocked by the British."

But the British Government is convinced that its attitude is correct. British observers at Geneva and the question as being simply one of "does Britain want to provoke a third world war, or does she want to negotiate a settlement in the Far East?"

It is clear militarily and politically that no possible advantage could come from a carrier-borne air strike at the rebels around Dien Bien Phu.

British assessment of the situation is based on years of experience gained in Indochina. There is a much smaller country than Indo-China. Britain had 23 fighting battalions. A much greater force would be needed to secure a military conquest in Indo-China. — London Express Service.

Soviet Planes Violate Swedish Territory

Stockholm, Apr. 29. Military sources said tonight that Russian military planes—believed to be heavy bombers—wandered over Sweden last night.

"The direction of the planes revealed where they came from," said an Air Force spokesman.

The planes, possibly lost on a night over the Baltic Sea from the huge Soviet base facing the two world's Northern flank, aroused new concern in Southern Sweden, where only recently a flock of flying saucers reports inspired the belief that Communist-guided missiles were streaking over the Atlantic. The Danish military base at Esbjerg reported that a Czech twin-engine bomber circled it for two hours this afternoon in the North Sea between Britain and Denmark, just outside territorial waters.

British businessmen have signed contracts worth £4,000,000 after five days' negotiations in East Berlin with the Communist China National Import and Export Corporation (CNIEC), it was announced at a press conference here last night.

Representatives of the 47 British businessmen attending the talks told the press conference that the contracts included Chinese orders for British chemicals, medicines, textile raw materials, machinery, electrical equipment, metals and cables.

In turn the British businessmen had ordered Chinese oils, silk and raw products.

The British businessmen also said they had opened relations with East Germany.

A spokesman for the British businessmen said the East German Chamber for Exports had asked them to a reception at East Berlin's Hotel Johannisof yesterday.

They had talks with a number of leading East German trade officials, visited an exhibition of East German export goods and saw a film on the East German industrial fair at Leipzig, Saxony.

The spokesman said most of the British businessmen attending the talks with the Chinese trade officials had received orders. They hoped to boost British-Chinese trade still more in the future.

A spokesman for the British groups said the order for Chinese silk consisted of piece goods.

The Chinese had given substantial order for tanning extracts and engineering products.

He added that though the group was now dispersing, he doubt a number of the British negotiators would have to return later to complete technical details and submit further orders arising from the talks just concluded.

The British spokesman said most of the businessmen expected to get export licences for the goods they had contracted to sell to the Chinese.

It was pointed out here that of the £15,000,000 deals made by British businessmen at Peking last July, only £11,250,000 were later contracted. Of these only £4,500,000 worth of British goods were in fact exported to China because the British authorities were reported to have refused licences for the rest.

The spokesman suggested that the deals at the East Berlin negotiations had purposely been limited to a far smaller volume of goods for which they could be expected to get export licences.

Branches of industry represented at the talks included rolled iron, steel for tools and shipyards, diesel engines, non-ferrous metals, textile machinery, generator plants, electrical equipment, scientific instruments and textile raw materials, the East German news agency ADN reported. — Reuters.

DIEN BIEN PHU

ASSAULT BY REBELS EXPECTED

Hanoi, Apr. 29. Vietminh General Vo Nguyen Giap's next move will be a massive attack on Dien Bien Phu, where he holds the initiative.

That was the opinion expressed in competent circles in Hanoi who expect the present week to see a decisive issue in the battle.

Brigadier-General Christian de Castries, defender of the beleaguered camp, is awaiting the decision of the Vietminh headquarters to attack. The forces at his disposal do not allow him to try a counter-attack in force.

The situation in the entrenched camp is grave but not desperate. This is the expression now being used openly at Hanoi. General Giap has reported the forces at his disposal before making human wave attacks. Young recruits taken prisoner several days ago, one of whom was sixteen, received rushed military training and were sent to Dien Bien Phu to complete their training.

The Vietminh Commander-in-Chief has received continual supplies from Communist China over Colonial Route 3 from Cao Bang, and in particular petrol, food and munitions.

Among the supplies he has received by the River Namoung coming from South China have been hundreds of tons of rice weekly, which is difficult to requisition in the Red River Delta, as the harvest shops up as a very bad one.

On the other hand the Franco-Vietnamese have been reinforced and supplied by air as reinforcements and communications are extremely difficult.

The Vietminh have the equivalent of a division watching the railway between Hanoi and Haiphong. — France-Press.

Earth Tremors

Mexico City, Apr. 29. A series of strong earth tremors were registered today by seismographs at the Tacubaya Observatory here. The two shocks recorded at 10.53 and 11.28 a.m. GMT. The instruments indicated the disturbances took place at about 1,200 miles from here, probably in the vicinity of Costa Rica. — United Press.

Geneva Reactions To Casey's Speech

Geneva, Apr. 29. A Soviet briefing spokesman commenting tonight on Mr Casey's speech before today's Geneva conference emphasised that the Australian Minister had said the North Korean proposals for solving the Korean problem, "although not complete, deserved attention."

An American briefing officer declined to comment later on suggested differences between today's speech by Mr Casey and yesterday's address by Mr Dulles.

The spokesman was asked whether differences between the two ministers were indicated by two apparently conciliatory points in Mr Casey's speech:

1. The Australian Minister's hope that South Korea would agree to all-Korean elections if this were necessary for final agreement.

2. Mr Casey's call for "careful consideration" of the proposals of General Nam Il, the North Korean Foreign Minister, for a joint commission elected by the two Korean parliaments to prepare for all-Korean elections.

The briefing officer replied: "No comment" to both questions.

Then he said: "I do not think I should comment on alleged differences between ministers."

EXCELLENT SPEECH

"Mr Casey made an excellent speech. He is an eloquent speaker and quite able to explain in whatever way he likes."

The American spokesman said the Communist delegates had congratulated Mr Molotov after his speech in the buffet room.

Asked whether Mr Dulles had congratulated Mr Casey, he replied: "I think so—yes he did."

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Desperate Attempt To Escape From Ship

Kiel, Apr. 29. Shouting that he would be shot if he returned to his ship, a seaman who tried to escape from the Polish steamer (Hugo Kolaba) by jumping into the Kiel Canal was today escorted back to his vessel in a dinghy while a Netherlands crew looked on powerless to help him.

The incident occurred at the Brunsbüttel Dock, east of Cuxhaven. When he plunged into the water, the Netherlands sailors pulled him out and handed him over to the captain of a small German boat. But the Polish ship anchored and sent a dinghy to fetch the would-be escapee.

Later he was seen with his hands bound being escorted back to his vessel.

Going through the Kiel Canal takes several hours, but later the Kiel Maritime Police said they had not been warned in time to take action. — France-Press.

Soviets In Port Arthur To "Safeguard China From Japan"

Geneva, Apr. 29. A Chinese Communist spokesman said here tonight that Soviet forces were in Port Arthur to "safeguard China and the Soviet Union from being threatened by Japan and the forces allied to Japan."

The spokesman was speaking at a briefing after today's Geneva Far Eastern conference.

A journalist asked the Chinese spokesman if Mr Chou En-lai's call yesterday for the withdrawal of all foreign forces from Asia included the withdrawal of Russian forces from China.

The spokesman said: "Are you referring to Port Arthur?"

The journalist said: "Yes."

The spokesman then answered: "The use of the naval base of Port Arthur by Soviet forces is on the basis of the Sino-Soviet treaty of friendship and alliance—owing to the revival of Japanese militarism by the United States after the second world war—which threatens the security of China and the Soviet Union."

Another journalist interjected: "The Sino-Soviet treaty was signed before the Japanese peace treaty."

The spokesman then said: "There was originally the agreement that the use of the naval base of Port Arthur would be ended in 1952."

He said there is still no peace treaty between Japan and China and the Soviet Union, because Japan is becoming a follower of the aggressive policy of the United States, it is necessary to prolong the agreement on the use of Port Arthur to safeguard China and the Soviet Union from being threatened by Japan and the forces allied to Japan."

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Another Revolt By Socialist MPs

London, Apr. 29. Sixty-three Socialists staged a new "revolt" against their official leaders tonight, supporting a move—defeated by 219 votes to 63 votes—to prevent Britain from producing a hydrogen bomb without the consent of Parliament.

The 63 ignored the advice of Mr George Strauss, Labour official spokesman and former Supply Minister, and voted that a new clause to this effect be incorporated in the Atomic Energy Bill, now passed through Parliament.

The Anwarin Devan, Labour left-wing leader, who recently resigned from the party's "Shadow Cabinet" in a disagreement with the official line on Foreign policy, is believed to have voted among the 63.

Mr Strauss urged the Labour party not to vote for the clause. The official Labour Party line was to abstain from voting.

Mr Strauss said a vote for the clause was bound to give the impression to peoples abroad that Britain was prepared to take unilateral action in advance of an international effort to ban nuclear weapons.

COULDN'T HELP

Sir David Eccles, Minister of Works, said if the proposal made by Labour member Frank Beswick—was adopted, every-one would know Britain had not got the hydrogen bomb. That fact will be taken into the military calculations of a potential enemy.

He did not see how it could help Britain even to say at the present time, whether she had it or not.

Afterwards, some Parliamentarians described the development as a "Benavite" revolt as it attracted the support of some of the left-wingers' adherents. But the group was not confined to the Benavite and Mr Beswick, the sponsor of the clause, is not identified with the left-wing section.

No action will be taken by the Labour party against the 63. The vote may be construed as one, involving "conscience" Labour members feel strongly that Britain should not make hydrogen bombs and the Labour party allows much latitude in such cases.

The Bill was passed by 193 votes to 187. It now goes to the House of Lords. — Reuters.

TEN KILLED IN BUS DISASTER

Buenos Aires, Apr. 29. Ten bus passengers were killed and seven were injured today when a bus plunged over the edge of a cliff near Mendoza in the Andes Range.

The bus was carrying a group of pilgrims. — France-Press.

Geneva, Apr. 29. The three Communist nations attending the Geneva conference have suggested that no session should be held on May Day—the International Labour Day holiday on May 1—a conference source said tonight.

The proposal has been circulated among non-Communist delegates. — Reuters.

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JACKIE COOPER MARRIED

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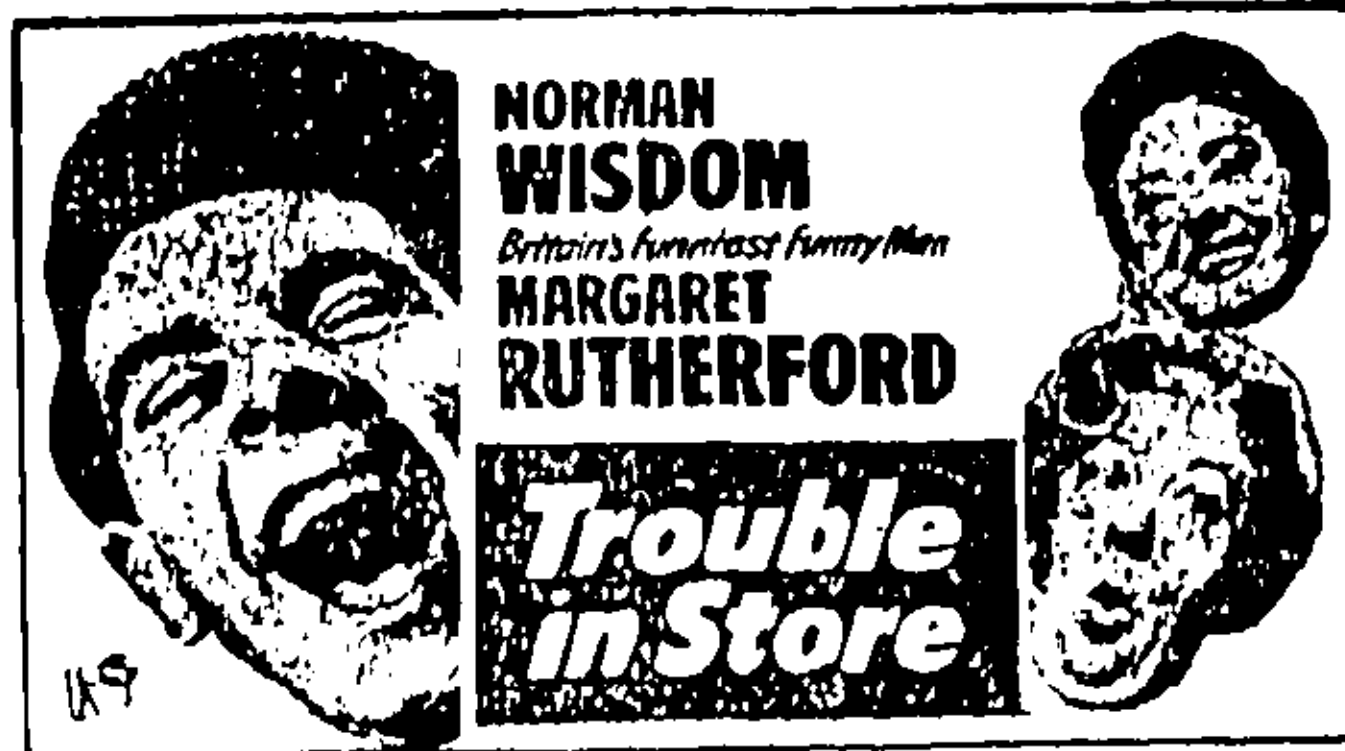
It was Cooper's third marriage and the first for 24-year-old Miss Kras. She works for an advertising agency. — United Press.

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ST. LAURENT REVIEWS HIS
ASIAN TOURHungry People
Pose
Huge Problems

Toronto, Apr. 29.

The Canadian Prime Minister, Mr. Louis St. Laurent, said yesterday if half the total Canadian budget were spent in aid and assistance, it could "not even scratch the surface" in solving the problems in Asia.

Addressing the Canadian press annual dinner meeting, Mr. St. Laurent said that there was "not much use talking about the abstract advantages of political freedom" to men and women who were perpetually hungry.

He said that the Western world must continue to build up its strength to deter aggression and turn "with generosity and understanding to the millions of people in Southern Asia struggling to improve their conditions."

Once A Rum
Runner, Now
Flat-Builder

Abner "Longie" Zwillman, one of America's most famous prohibition-era rum runners, hopes to use some of his millions to wipe out the slums in which he was born, according to New York reports.

The 50-year-old tall and handsome big-business man said he would put up an initial \$500,000 towards a vast slum clearance project in Newark, New Jersey.

He hopes that eventually it will become a hundred million dollar building project, with modern flats and homes for "about 12,000 families who didn't have some of the luck I've had lately in business."

Now living in a vast 24-room stone mansion in West Orange, New Jersey, Zwillman said that the slum clearance plan would start in an area near where he was born. But he refused to discuss the activities he pursued in his earlier years, merely declaring: "I am a respectable man who pays his taxes regularly."

Zwillman has been arrested six times, but he went to prison only once. That was after his last arrest, in 1928. He was fined 1,000 dollars for beating a man on the head with a black-jack.

His fortune is estimated at 35 million dollars.
(London, Express Service)

Mountaineering
School
To Be Founded

Berne, Apr. 29.

Plans for the foundation of a mountaineering school at Darjeeling were announced here today by the Indian Minister to Switzerland, Mr. Y. D. Gundav, presiding at a press conference given by the Swiss Foundation for Mountain Exploration.

The school is to be set up by the Indian Government, but Switzerland is involved in the preparation.

The foundation had decided as a preparatory measure to invite the famous sherpas, Tensing, and six of his fellow experts, to visit Switzerland to learn what they could of Swiss methods.—France-Press.

Britain Still
Best
Orchid Grower

Britain still leads the world in orchid growing, say London reports.

As they packed up after their two-day show in the Horticultural Hall, London, last week, the members of the British Orchid Growers' Association rubbed their hands with glee.

Their pockets bulged with orders from America, Europe and Scandinavia. One plant sold for £40.

Our position is so high that one American firm has paid money into orchid growing in Britain.

He added: "I am convinced we must in a true spirit of equality and co-operation join in a world-wide concerted effort to help the peoples of Asia to obtain greater material advantages and the hope of a better future for themselves."

The Prime Minister devoted most of his three-thousand-word address to the problems of Southern Asia, where he spent some weeks on his recent 26,000-mile world tour.

He said his tour demonstrated there were "abundance of goodwill" for Canada which had a special opportunity to help in the problem of achieving understanding between Eastern and Western peoples.

"It is important for us to realize," Mr. St. Laurent said, "that the people of Southern Asia, because they have had so little direct experience of Russian imperialism, Communism or otherwise, are not inoculated as we are against the false ideals and promises of Communist propaganda."

BE THEIR FRIENDS

"On the other hand, they are apt to associate the whole Western world with the former imperialism they resented so deeply, and unless we can show them we really want to be their friends, and to treat them as equals, we can hardly expect to enjoy their sympathy and enlist their support for the kind of peaceful world we are seeking to achieve."

Mr. St. Laurent said that the nations of Southern Asia were bound to play an increasingly important part in world affairs. Every opportunity to improve goodwill and understanding should be seized.

He said that an important aspect of Asian affairs was the desire of Asians for national independence and their "new sense of the dignity of the individual and the equality of all men regardless of origin or colour."

ADEQUATE FOOD

"One of the most important tasks they face is to assure an adequate supply of food, clothing and shelter to meet the minimum basic needs of their many millions of human beings."

"It is by assisting them to meet this challenge and encouraging them to achieve their goals that we can demonstrate our friendship and goodwill toward them."

Mr. St. Laurent gave details of Canadian assistance to India, Pakistan and Ceylon under the Colombo plan, which he said operated on the idea that "the Asian peoples themselves should decide how the money can best be spent."

He added: "I would not like to give you the impression the Colombo plan of itself will solve the problems of Asia. Half of our total national budget spent in aid and assistance, it could be properly spent that way, would not even scratch the surface."—China Mail Special.

She Helped Mrs Petrov Decide



Pictured here is 30-year-old Miss Joyce Bull of Hampstead, London. Miss Bull was stewardess aboard the B.O.A.C. Constellation which flew Mrs Petrov with her escort of armed Russian couriers from Canberra to Darwin. Following demonstrations at Canberra Airport when a weeping Mrs Petrov hustled aboard the aircraft, the Australian Government flashed a radio message to the Constellation in flight: "Ask Mrs Petrov whether she wants an asylum." "Ask Mrs Petrov whether she wants an asylum," Captain Davis, captain of the plane, called Joyce Bull and told her to put the question. Mrs Petrov replied that she did not want to go back to Moscow but was too scared to say so. Miss Bull, dark, smiling and efficient, assured Mrs Petrov that her husband was alive and that she was welcome to stay in Australia.

When the plane touched down at Darwin—its last stop in Australia, Mrs Petrov left the plane.—Express Photo.

At Geneva Kung Peng
Is A Different Girl

Geneva, Apr. 29.

Little more than 10 years ago, there was a vivacious and charming Chinese girl called Kung Peng who was the friend of all Western correspondents in Nationalist China's capital at Chungking.

It was in the war years when Mao Tse-tung's Communists were co-operating with Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalists in fighting the Japanese.

Kung Peng was then acting as liaison for Mao's right hand man, Chou En-lai. Her ready wit, gay laugh and appealing femininity stood her in good stead.

Today at the Geneva conference seeking peace in Asia Kung Peng is Chou's mouthpiece. At the first press conference the Chinese Reds gave here on Wednesday, she whispered query among the rows of assembled correspondents was "who is that hard faced woman at the delegates table."

There sat Kung Peng—grim faced, with expressionless eyes. She sat with five Chinese Communist delegates at the left hand of press spokesman Huana Hua. She was dressed in a drab Chinese workers' uniform style dark blue dress, her black hair tightly dragged back into a bun, chain smoking and staring malevolently at the assembly with no sign of recognition for those who had known her in happier days.

NO SMILES

Western reporters with memories of Chungking days sought to speak with Kung Peng after the press conference. Her narrowed eyes gave no sign of friendliness. There was no smile, no welcome, only a tautened expression as Kung Peng strode purposefully out of the conference hall with her five comrades.

In her Chungking days, Kung Peng spoke excellent English and had a wealth of American and British repertoire. At the Chinese press conference yesterday she took Huang Hua's place—but spoke no English and indicated that she did not understand any questions in English.

One question she was asked was "Please tell us your name." She tightened her lips when the question was translated, hesitated, narrowed her eyes and answered defiantly: "I am Kung Peng."

It was hard to believe.—United Press.

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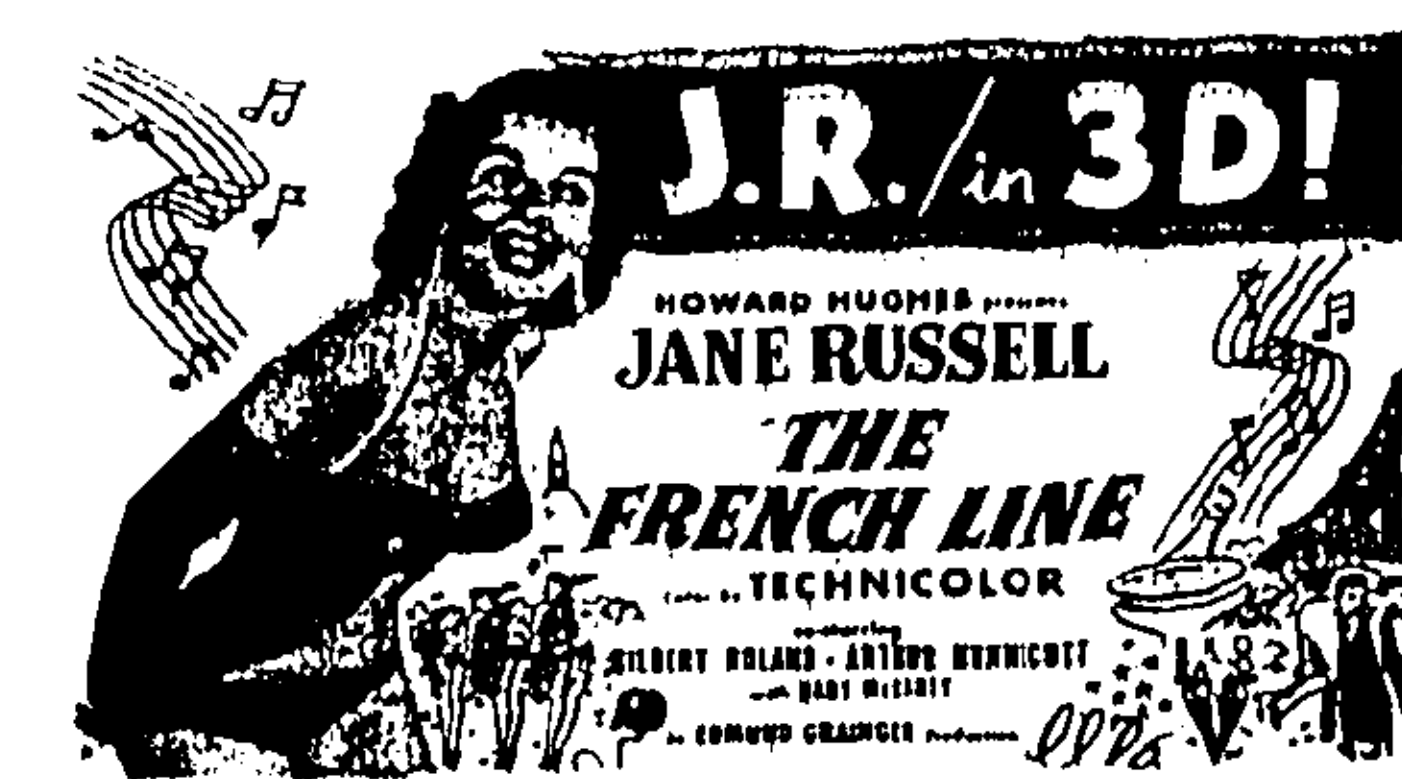
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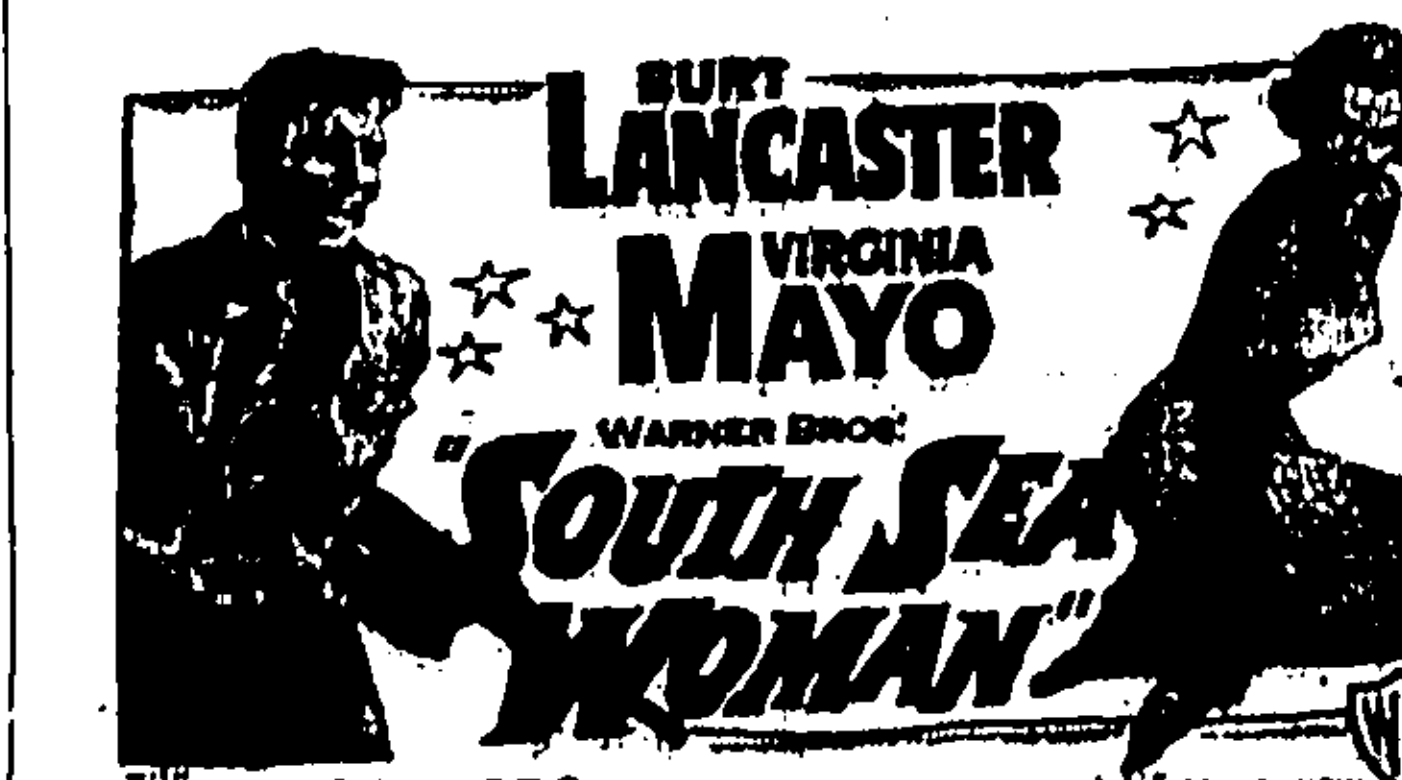
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ASIAN PREMIERS DISAGREE ON

INDO-CHINA Pakistan's Reported Objection To Non-Intervention BUT AGREEMENT ON THREE OTHER POINTS

Colombo, Apr. 29.

The Asian Prime Ministers' conference today failed to agree to a resolution on Indo-China because the Pakistan Premier, Mohammed Ali, declined to commit himself to a proposal for non-intervention by the United States, Soviet Union, Britain and China, according to reliable sources.

When the preliminary talks on Indo-China ended this morning, general agreement had been arrived at on three points, namely:

1. A need to create a climate of peace.
2. Immediate ceasefire.
3. Declaration of complete independence as soon as possible.

When the official committee was asked to prepare a draft resolution on a basis of discussion, sharp differences became apparent between India, Burma and Indonesia on the one hand and Pakistan on the other.

While the conference is believed to have agreed on points relating to the ceasefire and independence for Indo-China, the Pakistan Premier objected to non-intervention in Indo-China, forming part of the resolution.

Controversy was raging when the conference adjourned this evening.

An official communiqué issued at the end of the day's session said "the conference continued its discussion of the question of Indo-China. This question will be further discussed tomorrow. Other questions discussed today were those of the hydrogen bomb, colonialism and atomic weapons tests. But sharply divergent views were expressed on the resolution on Communism, which is believed to have been prepared by Ceylon and proposed by Pakistan.

The Prime Ministers are believed to have agreed that "colonialism must withdraw from Asia" and that there should be a standstill on the hydrogen bomb and atomic weapons tests. But sharply divergent views were expressed on the resolution on Communism, which is believed to have been prepared by Ceylon and proposed by Pakistan.

BIGGEST DANGER

The resolution, it is understood, names "international Communism" as the biggest potential danger to democracy in the region and urges that in order to meet it, there should be:

1. Retention of faith in democracy.
2. Evolution of measures to prevent interference of international Communism, and
3. Exchange of information within the region to assist in democracy.

Narriman To Wed Again

Calcutta, Apr. 29.

Former Queen Narriman will marry a handsome young doctor, Adham el Nakeeb, next week in what a family spokesman said would be a "marriage free of social discrepancy."

The divorced wife of former King Farouk will be wed in a simple ceremony at her villa in Heliopolis, a suburb of Cairo. A family spokesman said only close relatives of the bride and groom would be invited. Asked whether this was a "love match," the spokesman told a reporter, "The engagement resulted from mutual sympathy and understanding. We expect the couple to have a happy married life. Unlike her marriage to Farouk, this marriage will be free of social discrepancy. Both the bride and groom belong to the same class and age bracket."

"Adham is a gentle, well-bred young man. He may be expected to devote himself to his wife, unlike Farouk, who had many other distractions," United Press.

Another Big Round-Up

Nairobi, Apr. 29.

More than 2,000 British troops supported by police today raided Nairobi's industrial area in rounding up nearly 2,000 Kikuyu, Embu and Meru tribesmen.

About 1,000 of the tribesmen suspected of Mau Mau activities were taken to a screening camp here for further interrogation and possible transportation to detention camps.

Today's round-up was part of "Operation Anvil" which went into action here last Saturday to clear the Nairobi district of Mau Mau and Mau-related elements.

Nearly 10,000 tribesmen and their families have now been sent out of the city and 5,000 more are being screened.

From Gaol To Wedding



Allowed to leave Brixton Gaol for the ceremony, Peter Arton, 32, former R.A.F. pilot, walks hand in hand with his bride—the former Miss Michaela Michaels—after their wedding at Marylebone, London, Register Office last week. A detective was present at the wedding. Arton, who will leave by plane within a few hours for Israel, has been held for three weeks under security regulations for being an alleged Communist agent and sending information on the activities of free Czechs in London to Czechoslovakia. He has denied the charges.—Reuterphoto.

Another US Carrier Brings More Planes To Indo-China

Hanoi, Apr. 29.

A United States aircraft carrier arrived in Indo-Chinese waters tonight with reinforcements of badly-needed planes to bolster the exhausted defenders of Dien Bien Phu, now in their 48th day of constant siege.

A naval spokesman said that the 11,000-ton U.S.S. Belleau Wood carried 20 Grumman "Hellcat" shipboard fighters and Curtis "Helldiver" dive bombers.

While not much—either in number or quality—the planes were a welcome addition to the French forces. There are only about 250 combat planes in Indo-China.

At Dien Bien Phu, Vietnamese legions maintained minor ground attacks against the east and west faces of the isolated camp but there was no conclusive action.

The High Command reported 70 rebels killed in the last 24 hours. The Communists did not succeed in pushing the French Union defenders back any further although they were less than 100 yards from the French positions in many places.

Pressure against the isolated southern outpost, "Isabelle," meanwhile let up. French Union troops crept out to all jump-off trenches close to the defence lines.

A light rain presaging the onset of the full monsoon cut ground and air activity in the muddy mountain-girt valley to a minimum. Rebel 75-mm artillery shelled the northern sector where the Reds hold more than half the ruined airstrip.

600 VOLUNTEERS

The military authorities disclosed that some 600 volunteer troops have been parachuted into Dien Bien Phu in the past week. But with the rainy season arriving, there was uneasiness expressed here that the Reds might be able to cut the defenders through lack of supplies. The garrison has been getting an average of 170 tons a day by parachute. But officials said that the French have only been able to build up a three-day reserve of ammunition if fighting gets violent under a third "human wave" assault.

Improved weather over northern Tonkin allowed air strikes—massive by Indo-China standards—against Viet Cong supply lines.

Naval fighters and fighter-bombers, including speedy American-supplied Corsairs armed with 1,000-lb. bombs and rockets, gunned at the sea

Private Schine Drops A Bombshell

Washington, Apr. 29.

Private G. David Schine dropped a bombshell in the Army-McCarthy hearings today by swearing under oath that the Army Secretary, Mr. Robert T. Stevens asked to be photographed with him at Maguire air force base on November 17.

Mr. Stevens previously had sworn at the Army-McCarthy hearings that he never asked to have his photograph taken with Schine "alone." He said he might have suggested at Maguire, "come, let's gather around and have our picture taken." But he said he could not even recall saying that.

Schine, handsome son of a millionaire hotel-theatre family and the man in the middle of the Army-McCarthy row, rocked the sixth day of the stormy televised hearing by declaring in response to a question:

"I was asked by the Secretary to stand next to him and be photographed."

Schine, who was an unpaid consultant to Senator McCarthy, was called to the witness stand unexpectedly to testify about a photograph introduced on Monday by the McCarthy side of the controversy.

The photo became a key issue when the Army charged that the McCarthy side had produced a "doctored" picture designed to show Private Schine and the Secretary alone.

It was brought out that the original photo showed a third person—Air Force Colonel Jack R. Bradley—and the coat and sleeve of a fourth person. Senator McCarthy's chief counsel Roy M. Cohn originally produced the picture in support of Senator McCarthy's charge that Mr. Stevens tried to get him to call off his investigation of alleged Communist infiltration at the Fort Monmouth, N.J., Signal Corps laboratory.

The Army has accused Senator McCarthy and his aides of using "improper means" to try to get favored treatment for Schine, who was drafted after efforts to get him a commission failed.

Earlier Mr. Stevens' counsel was accused of trying to get the Commander of Fort Monmouth to withdraw security suspension recommendations at the time when Senator Joseph R. McCarthy was investigating alleged subversion at the radar centre.

Mr. Stevens said that it is "entirely possible" that he told his counsel, Mr. John G. Adams, to take such action, though he did not recall doing so. He also is "entirely possible" that Mr. Adams acted on his own.

The charge was made in a written statement by the Monmouth Commander's aide and was presented at the 11th session of the Senate investigating Sub-Committee's hearings on the Army-McCarthy case. It was produced during cross-examination of Mr. Stevens on Mr. McCarthy's charge that the Secretary tried to block his investigation last autumn at the Army's New Jersey Signal Corps installation.

According to the charge, Mr. Adams telephoned the Fort Monmouth Commander, Major-General Kirke B. Lawton, and asked him if he would withdraw his suspension recommendations, Lawton refused, asserting that was Mr. Stevens' "responsibility."

"A Lot Of Guts"

The 11th sessions produced these highlights:

(1) Mr. McCarthy said that General Lawton showed "a lot of guts" in co-operating with his investigation though the General said it would "kill his chances of promotion." Mr. McCarthy produced a report showing an Army Promotion Board did "pass over" Lawton.

(2) Mr. Stevens, who said that he once considered General Lawton from Fort Monmouth, denied that he had planned any "reprisal" against him. He said he wanted General Lawton and all other commanders to use good judgment and not start a stampede of suspensions for "guilt by association."

(3) Pressed by hearing counsel Ray H. Jenkins for a "yes-or-no" answer as to whether he ordered Mr. Adams to make the call to General Lawton, Mr. Stevens said that Mr. Jenkins was taking one incident out of perspective.

(4) Mr. Stevens showed signs of wearying after six days of testifying. Mr. McCarthy said that he had lots more questions to ask but would not object to Mr. Stevens taking an hour or a day off the witness stand whenever he got too tired.

Mr. Stevens several times said he could not recall whether he told Mr. Adams to try to get General Lawton to pull back recommendations for suspension.

He did not deny the charge that Mr. Adams made such a request of the General.

President Eisenhower said today he hoped the Army-McCarthy hearings would be concluded quickly.

The President added at his weekly press conference that he considered the subject to be something about which he did not want to talk.

Under questioning, however, he said disingenuously he had never discussed treatment by the Army of the man he referred to as "this Private."

The Private is G. David Schine, central figure in the controversy between Senator McCarthy and the Army.

He was asked what, as a former Commanding General of the Army, he thought of all the excitement in the Senate over Private Schine.

The President said he declined to talk at all about something which he did not think he should discuss and something which he hoped would be concluded quickly.

The President was asked whether he thought the pre-occupation of the country with the current Senate investigation was putting a serious roadblock in front of the Administration's programme in Congress.

He replied he had been assured by Representative Clegg, Chairman of the House Committee on Governmental Organization and the two Houses was not delayed.

—United Press.

"God Pity The Russians If They Attack America" Says Mr Short

Washington, Apr. 29.

Chairman Dewey Short of the House Armed Services Committee said today the United States was so strong that Russia was afraid to attack. But if the Russians did attack, Mr Short told the House, "God pity them!"

Representative Clarence Cannon, a Democrat, said, however, that America would be "humbled" to retaliate against Russian bombers simultaneously attacking 80 big cities he said Russia has on a "priority list."

is strong enough to instill that fear.

"They've already got that fear in mind," Mr Short replied. "Otherwise they already would have attacked long ago."

"What are they doing in Indo-China?" demanded Mr. Cannon. "They're not attacking us," shouted Representative Clegg, a Republican, from his seat.

Mr. Cannon then demanded whether Mr. Short believed that the United States was now strong enough to win a war even if it is forced upon her.

Nuclear Power For Britain In Ten Years

London, Apr. 29.

Britain will, within ten years, be building nuclear power stations "reasonably cheaply" with more conventional, unless in the production of electricity, it was forecast here today.

The coal reserves in this country would not last much more than 200 years, a comparatively short period in the industrial life of a nation.

To enable that development of atomic power was as rapid as possible, industry must be increasingly drawn into its progress, he added.—Reuter.

Dr Adenauer's View Of Saar Problem

Bonn, Apr. 29.

Dr Konrad Adenauer, the West German Chancellor, told the lower house today that while Germany's claim to have the Saar unconditionally returned was legal and undeniable, it was not practical politics.

No foreign country would support West Germany in this, the Chancellor said.

The German-speaking Saar, sandwiched between France and Germany, has been linked economically with France since 1948. France also governs the defence and foreign policy of the coal-steel state.

France took over the administration of the Saar for the League of Nations after World War I. It was later returned to Germany after a referendum but changed its status a second time after World War II. He said the West German and French Governments were striving towards a "European status" for the Saar but one which had to be open to revision at the ultimate peace treaty.

8 CONDITIONS

Dr Adenauer listed these conditions for a Saar agreement:

1. It must be a final fix Germany's frontiers.
2. It must not create a new state.
3. The situation must be genuinely European and not cover the present state of affairs with a "European cloak."
4. It must be based on the right of man.
5. It must be approved by the Saarlanders.
6. It must be tied up with a European political community.

FRENCH ANNEXATION

Opposition speakers rejected Dr Adenauer's conditions saying they would amount to the legalisation of French annexation.

Earlier in this foreign policy debate Dr Adenauer had appealed for unity and strength in the Western world for nations to make European plans for integration a reality.

The Soviet Union, he said, was determined to stay in Europe ignoring the wishes of the nations concerned and without regard to law. There was little reason to suppose that the results of the Geneva conference would be noticeably better than the Berlin conference.

The leader of the Social Democratic Opposition, Dr Erich Ollenhauer, called for new four-power talks on Germany and European security. He said the Russian proposals for a collective European security system, in which the United States could join derived thorough examination.—Reuter.

Thieves Took His "Dream" Motor-bike

Tokyo, Apr. 29.

Thieves have snatched an Austrian visitor's real "dream."

Edmund Von Bun, who is touring-hitchhiking round the world, reported to police today his "dream" model motor bike was stolen yesterday, while he was giving lectures and showing colour slides of his hitchhiking world tour, at a hotel in Hakone Mountains near Tokyo, famous hot-spring resort in Japan.

He planned a round-trip of Japan, starting from Tokyo on Tuesday, on the motor bike which the Japanese Motor Bike Company gave him.—China Mail Special.

Israel And Egypt Blamed

Jerusalem, Apr. 29.

The United Nations chairman of the Israel-Egypt Armistice Commission today supported Egypt's complaints of Israeli violations of the Gaza frontier recently, but he also condemned an Egyptian attack on an Israeli patrol on April 25.

The Commission held an all-day meeting in the demilitarized zone near Gaza, where attacks and counter-attacks have flared this week across barbed fields.

On the agenda were two protests by Egypt and five by Israel, dealing with a series of shooting incidents after some of the barbed had been harvested by infiltrators.

The chairman upheld one Israeli complaint by abstaining from the vote he rejected three charges against Egypt. He supported an Egyptian allegation that Israeli troops had subjected Egyptian prisoners to mortal and automatic weapon fire.

Israeli political circles tonight criticised what they called the chairman's "apparent disregard of Egyptian provocation."

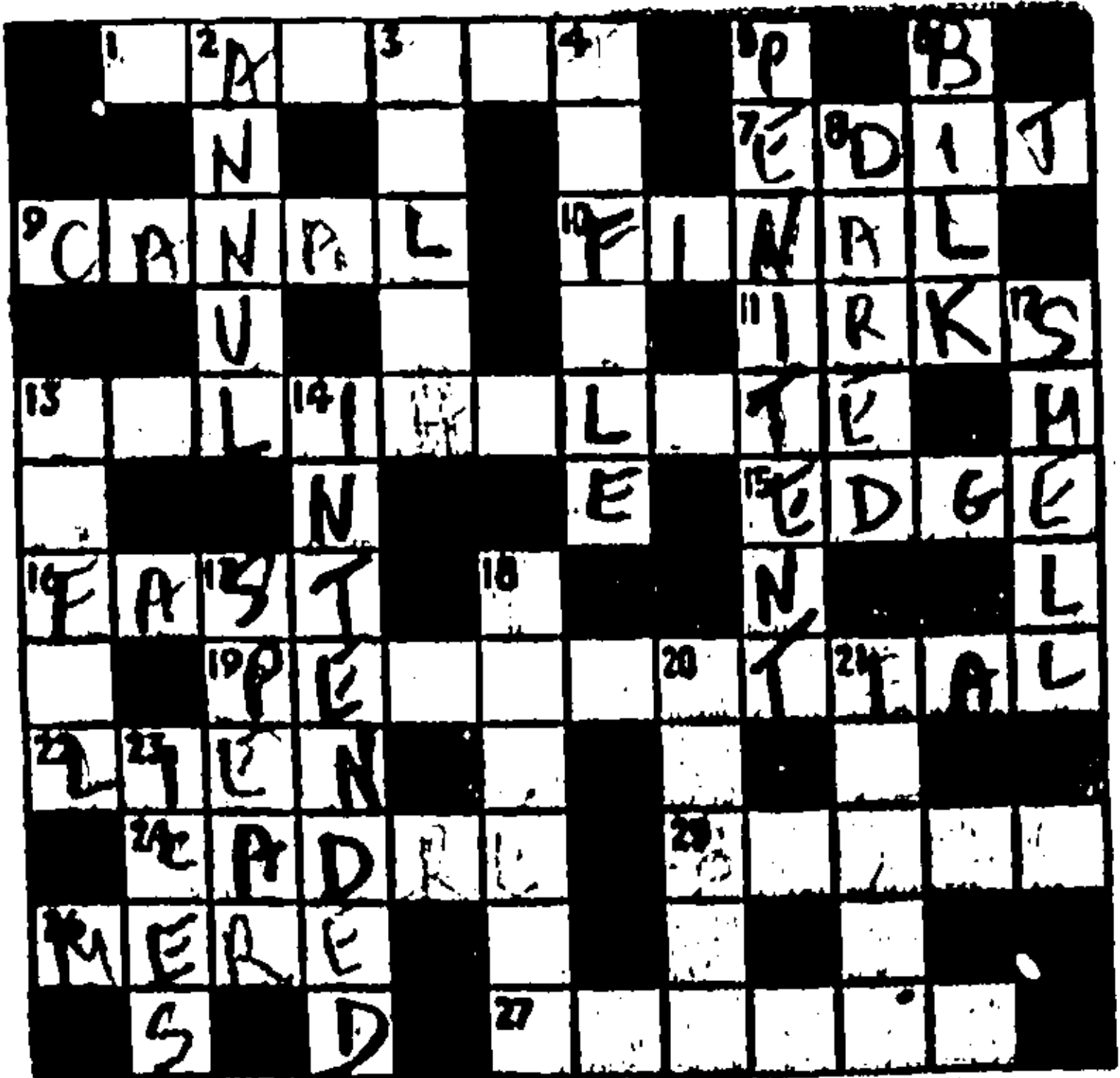
The Israelis allege Egyptians sniped at Israeli patrols and protected marauders.—United Press.

No Information Of Missing Men

Geneva, Apr. 29.

Wilfred Burchett, Australian newsmen who covered the Korean war from the Communist side, said here today he had tried but had been unable to get any information on the whereabouts or fate of the three American newsmen captured by the Chinese Communists more than a year ago.—United Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS
- 1 Car accommodation (6).
 - 7 Prepare for press (4).
 - 9 Waterway (6).
 - 10 Last (5).
 - 11 Wearies (4).
 - 12 Wipe out completely (10).
 - 13 Border (4).
 - 14 Fiest (4).
 - 15 Penetrating (10).
 - 20 Legal right (4).
 - 24 Go about begging (5).
 - 25 Common (5).
 - 26 Lake (5).
 - 27 Muddle (5).

- DOWN
- 2 Cancel (5).
 - 3 Distribute (5).
 - 4 Struggle (6).
 - 5 Contrite (5).
 - 6 Cheat (4).
 - 8 Challenged (5).
 - 9 Avon (5).
 - 11 Meat of a kind (5).
 - 14 Head in mind (5).
 - 17 Weapon (5).
 - 18 Appearance (5).
 - 20 Belief with disdain (5).
 - 21 Feet (2).
 - 23 Refreshments (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Temple, 4 Ploce, 7 Errand, 8 Spume, 10 Brim, 12 Revived, 13 Noddy, 16 Hole, 17 Even, 19 Camel, 20 Dutiful, 21 Div, 23 Igloo, 24 Varied, 25 Grass, 26 Slaved, Down: 1 Trembled, 3 Martinet, 5 Land, 6 Impaled, 8 Compel, 9 Model, 11 Monitor, 13 Noddy, 15 Solidity, 14 Defended, 16 Vulgar, 22 Post.



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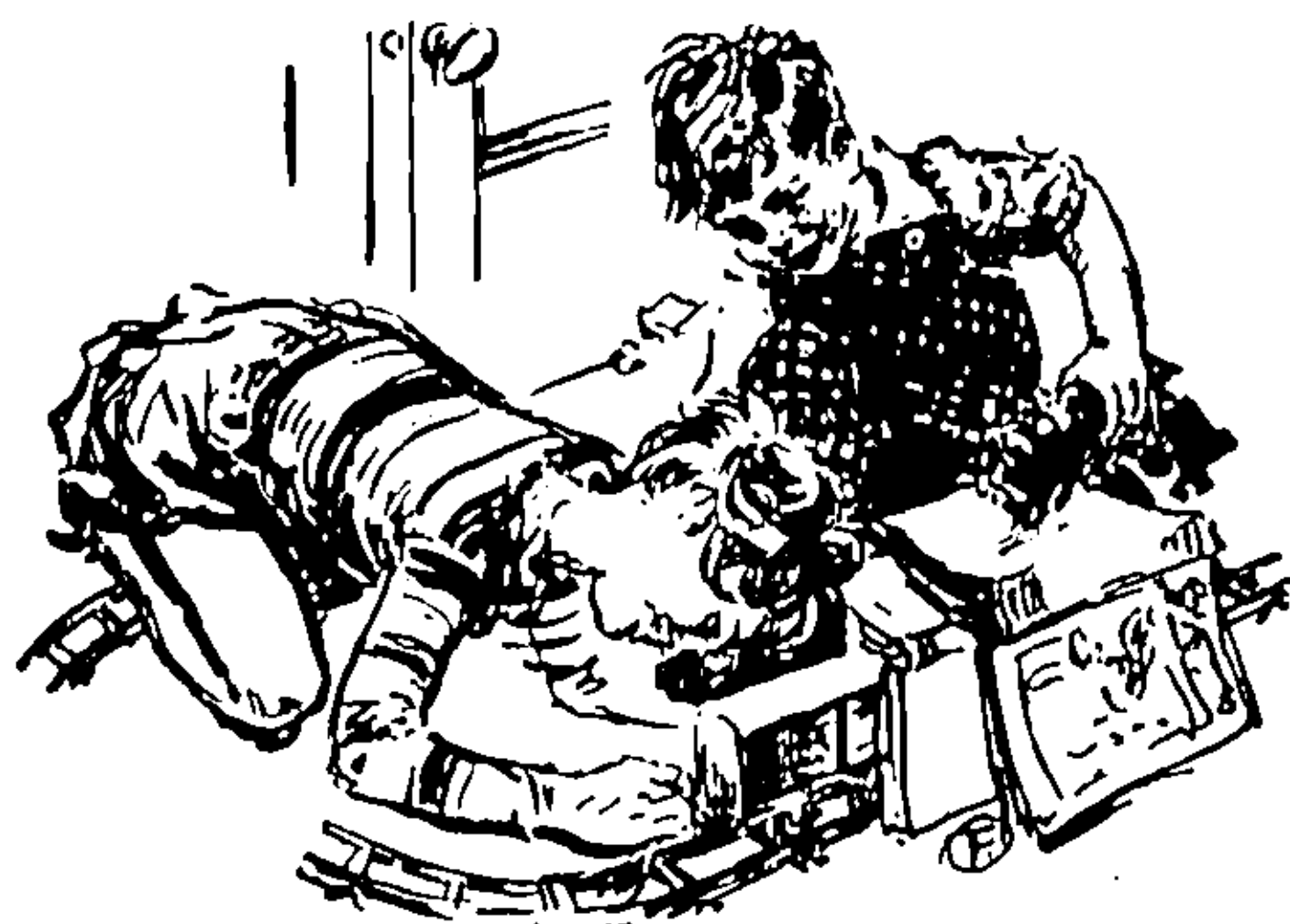
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A Magician And His Wand

By GERALD BOURKE

SIR Thomas Beecham, doyen of British conductors, celebrated his 75th birthday yesterday.

For more than 50 years, he has devoted his musical genius not only to conducting superbly works by his favourite composers, notably Delius and Mozart, but also to administering—and often financing—various musical enterprises.

No conductor is the master of all, since each specialises to some degree, but if we unite service to music with ability, I would gladly place first this magician and his wand.

Born to a wealthy Lancashire family of industrialists, Thomas Beecham was brought up in cultural surroundings, and first heard orchestral music on his father's elaborate Swiss musical boxes. A local organist fired the boy's enthusiasm for Mozart, whose operatic characters soon became more real to him than his neighbours. His taste in clothes was even more fastidious, and his memory so retentive that, at the age of eight, he learned Shakespeare's "Macbeth" within a few days.

The rarefied upbringing was abruptly ended, when he entered Rossall public school, though he soon became acclimatised, and gained prestige by battling for four hours. During the holidays, he accompanied his father on one of his frequent business trips to America.

On going up to Oxford, Thomas Beecham wanted to become a concert pianist, or composer but also joined fully in University life, playing rugby for his college. At the time, however, all music students looked to Germany as an indispensable training ground, and he made several visits to Dresden and Bayreuth, the Wagnerian stronghold.

On return he composed a grand opera to his own libretto in the manner of Wagner but, more important, was invited to conduct the Halle Orchestra in place of the veteran conductor, Hans Richter, on one occasion. He was only 20 at the time.

In his witty autobiography, "A Mingled Chime," Beecham describes his efforts to add the trombone to the instruments he had tampered. "I retired to a remote corner of the cathedral graveyard, the quietest and most secluded spot in the place. Once again I was requested to take myself else-

where and I was finally reduced to the extremity of hiring a small boat and rowing to the middle of the lake, where at last I could let myself go on what by that time I had discovered to be without question the most unpopular medium of musical sound."

A wrist injury then forced him to abandon all thought of a pianist's career. Then in 1907 his meeting with the profound British composer, Frederick Delius, who was living near Fontainebleau, proved mutually beneficial. Thomas Beecham was at once attracted by his distinctive idiom, so remote from current trends. For his part, Delius was the first to recognise his friend's unquestionable gifts as conductor.

When we now enjoy the fine recordings made by Sir Thomas Beecham for the Delius Trust, we can remember their strong friendship, formed partly during holidays spent in Norway. Indeed, Sir Thomas seems happiest when conducting works by Delius, and always distils their full poetic beauty.

Three years later, Mr Thomas Beecham, as he then was, leased Covent Garden for seasons of opera in English, so breaking the long tradition of foreign seasons at the national opera. Delius's "A Village Romeo and Juliet" was mounted, and later London saw, for the first time, Richard Strauss's sensational operas, "Salome" and "Elektra," conducted by him in the face of strong aesthetic objections to the subjects.

New York
HONESTY will certainly be the safest policy, from now on, in the gambling casinos at Las Vegas, in the cactus State of Nevada.

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There followed seasons with the Diaghileff Ballet, this time presented by his father with whom he had become reconciled after a nine-year estrangement.

In 1914, Sir Thomas Beecham was knighted for services to music, two years before succeeding to the baronetcy.

Between the wars, 1932 stands out as the year in which he founded the London Philharmonic Orchestra—with which he made several recordings, now justly famous—and became artistic director of Covent Garden.

absent, a new generation of concert-goers watched expectantly as the famous dapper figure slowly entered the vast Royal Albert Hall to conduct again his London Philharmonic Orchestra. An electrifying concert began with a typical Beecham showpiece, Chabrier's "España," conducted with exuberance and élan.

Few conductors could win reader response from their players—Sir Thomas never discarded his baton, and did not disdain to use a score where required—and his Mozart performances were considered the finest to be heard.

Another notable postwar event was his entry into the

certs in London, immaculately played and spiced with typical sweetmeats such as Berlioz's "Royal Hunt and Storm."

But what of Sir Thomas as wit and sage? We each have our favourite Beecham anecdotes. I like the one, probably quite untrue, of how, on entering to conduct a foreign orchestra, he noticed the players bent low as though adjusting their desks instead of rising to greet him. Slowly he mounted the rostrum and remarked calmly: "Gentlemen, let us pray!"

Fortunately he has scarcely bowed to the years, and in June travels to Finland to conduct at the Sibelius festival, given in honour of a composer whom he has consistently championed. Well done, Sir Thomas; long may you wield your wand!



Sir Thomas Beecham (extreme left) with the Committee of the Royal Philharmonic Society—Dr. Thomas Wood, Mr. Julian Herbage and Mr. Theodore Holland.

Today he conducts his fifth personally selected orchestra, the Royal Philharmonic, which includes many of Britain's best instrumentalists.

Sir Thomas is almost as well-known in America as in Britain. When he returned to Britain in 1945 after a long

pit at Covent Garden, for the 250th time when he conducted the 160th performance given there of Wagner's comic opera, "Die Meistersinger," for which he had selected outstanding Continental artists.

Last season, he gave a special series of popular con-

NEWELL ROGERS REPORTING AMERICA

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sense. The percentage of dowdy women is very high in England," says the New York Journal-American.

CUT-THROATS on the stage of the Metropolitan Opera are no novelty to Rudolf Bing, British manager of the Met. But it is a bit dismaying to meet a real one at dusk in Central Park when you are quietly walking your dog.

The cut-throat who pressed a knife against Bing's throat got his wallet with \$70 in it and a \$40 wrist watch.

THE NOSE of Istvan Rabovaky is to be shortened by doctors, and then Istvan is to become a film star. He has been chosen to play Miklos in a Hollywood film of the famous ballet dancer's life. Istvan, you may

remember, fled from Communist Hungary to the West a year ago with his wife because they hated the "anopling and supervision there." The 24-year-old dancer had won Hungary's highest artistic honour, the Stalin Kossuth prize.

JUST after drought-ridden Texas finished praying for rain, a cloudburst fell on Alamo, Texas. Soldiers had to evacuate 150 householders threatened by five-foot-deep floods.

MRS VERA BICE, aged 14, has had twin babies—a 6lb. 10oz. boy and a 6lb. 8oz. girl. She is from Columbus, Ohio. If her daughter follows her mother, she can be a grand-mother before she is 20. Her husband, Roger, is 17. They eloped last year. Says Vera: "I guess I just got tired of school."

A Man And The Drug Menace

A YOUNG British police officer helped to round up tramps in Egypt. Five hundred of them—trembling, ragged, and glassy-eyed—were taken to police stations in Cairo. Mostly they were picked up while scavenging in dustbins for food.

Every man was a heroin addict.

From that day, 40 years ago, the young Englishman declared a personal crusade against the traffickers.

He died in London this month, aged 74. From that day in Cairo he became world famous for his fight to smash the drug ring.

He was Major-General Sir Thomas Russell—known to the world as Russell Pasha.

For 25 years he was head of the Central Narcotics Intelligence Bureau, and his patrols ranged the deserts searching for camel caravans carrying dope.

Russell Pasha became an anti-drug crusader when he realised that opium, heroin, cocaine, and hashish were being smuggled into Egypt in ever-increasing quantities.

PRICE RAISED

When he became chief of the Cairo police Russell—who never smoked more than 10 mild Egyptian cigarettes a day—tried all kinds of methods to rid Egypt, and the world, of the drug plague.

He raised the price of heroin from £30 a lb. to £300.

This put it out of the reach of the majority of the population. He also ordered hundreds of acres of poppies and hemp, which were a source of drugs, to be burned.

But this did not prevent the smugglers bringing the stuff in. Drugs were hidden in the wheels of donkey carts, loaves of bread, the clothes of bogus nuns and priests, inside dead chickens, and horses' nosebags.

Camels, of course, were mostly used by the smugglers. At the Kantara desert frontier post, Russell Pasha set up his magic eye to watch the Levantine caravans. This X-ray apparatus was able to detect metal containers of drugs in the stomach and gullet of camels.

BURNING WORDS

Tall, lean, Russell Pasha, finally retired just after the war and went back to the Cotswolds to enjoy his bottles of salmon fishing and shooting. But if you want to understand the kind of man he was, read this extract of a report he made on a Swiss drug trafficker—

"No visions of demented, tortured victims ever came to disturb him. No pictures of broken-down humanity turning to crime to obtain money to buy his drug, no vista of ruined lives, shattered ambitions, disrupted families ever troubled his dreams in the peaceful little Swiss suburb. He was just a plain business man."

Those were the burning words of a once-obscure policeman. But he was a dedicated man with the curious crusading quality of the British.

He found half a million drug-drunk peasants when he went to Egypt. When he left the country it was almost as respectable as an English tea garden.

WILLIAM TOWNSEND



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Cockell Advances To Third Place In Ring Rankings

New York, Apr. 28. Don Cockell of England was advanced to third rank among heavyweights today in the latest Ring magazine rankings, but England's Johnny Williams was dropped from the first 10 to make room for Jimmy Slade who went from third among lightweights to fourth among heavyweights.

Ezzard Charles continued as the No. 1 heavyweight contender, with Nino Valdes of Cuba second. Tommy Jackson, beaten by Slade on Monday night dropped from third to fifth, and Roland LaStarza, beaten recently by Cockell in London, was sixth, followed by Dan Bucceroni, Earl Walls of Canada, Heinz Neuhaus of Germany and Tommy Harrison of California in that order.

Jay Glardello of Philadelphia was top-ranked among middleweight contenders with Randy Turpin of England sixth. No other Europeans were among the top 10 middleweights. Nor was Paul Heat of Italy, recently mentioned as a possible lightweight opponent for the champion, ranked among the first 10 lightweights.

Here are the champions and the 10 leading contenders in each boxing division according to the latest "Ring" magazine ratings announced today:

Heavyweight — Champion Rocky Marciano (Italy); 2. Nino Valdes (Cuba); 3. Don Cockell (England); 4. Jimmy Slade; 5. Tommy Jackson (England); 6. Roland LaStarza; 7. Dan Bucceroni; 8. Earl Walls (Canada); 9. Heinz Neuhaus (Germany); 10. Tommy Harrison (California).

Light Heavyweight — Champion Archie Moore (Ireland); 2. Joe Maxim (Ireland); 3. Floyd Patterson (USA); 4. Willie Harrison (England); 5. Paul Heat (Italy); 6. Dan Andrews; 7. Danny Nardone; 8. Jacques Hasselblad (France); 9. Bobby Hughes.

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The Stewards have ordered a batch of 100 Australian Subscription Ponies to race in 1955 and they now invite Members to subscribe for them.

An application form has been posted to every Member. In the event of non-delivery further forms may be obtained at the Club's Office, Alexandra House, 8th Floor.

The Subscription List will close on FRIDAY, 30th April, 1954.

By Order of the Stewards, H. MISA, Secretary.

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

CASH SWEEPS

11th Race Meeting 1st & 8th May, 1954.

Through Tickets for the above Race Meeting may be purchased per day or for both days. If purchased per day the cost is \$20, or \$40 for both days.

By Order of the Stewards, H. MISA, Secretary.

Homeward Bound



MCC cricketers Wardle, Suttle, May and Spooner, back from their West Indies cricket tour, disembark at Avonmouth, England, with souvenirs from the places they visited.

Tomorrow's Chances At The Valley

By "RAPIER"

The Eleventh Race Meeting under the auspices of the Hongkong Jockey Club will be held over two consecutive Saturday afternoons, the first tomorrow and the second on May 8.

Each day's programme will consist of 10 events, the first Saddling Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the first race will commence promptly at 2 p.m.

The most important event tomorrow is the Lancaster Handicap, while on Saturday, May 8 the Hongkong Derby will form the main attraction.

Here are my estimates of the chances:

RACE ONE

Suffolk Handicap: 1½ Miles. The opening event is confined to Class 5 ponies. By being placed second in the Smugglers Pass Handicap over this distance at the 8th Race Meeting, Clocapatra (Mr Botelho) should attract the most interest among punters and should win.

However Same Again (Mr Plumby) and Easy Slam (Mr A. Noddy) should not be treated lightly as both are capable of giving a good account of themselves. The Stranger (Mr Alex Lam) and Diamond Queen (Mr C. L. Gregory) are good as outsiders only.

RACE TWO

Oxford Handicap: Six Furlongs.

This is a sprint race for Class 8 ponies and the following should be worth watching.—Norse Lady (Mr Samarcq), Aeroplan (Mr Chuang), Ben Lovers (Mr Tsai) and Strathpeffer (Mr S. W. Tang). Norse Lady has disappointed its supporters on many occasions but may make up for it this time.

Aeroplan could make a go of it and Ben Lovers, given a good start may upset calculations. Strathpeffer is another pony to bear in mind as an outsider, as it is carrying 139 lb.

RACE THREE

Cheshire Handicap (First Section): One Mile.

The first lot of Class 6 ponies will figure in this event and among the entries, I favour Hurry On (Mr Kwok) to take the major prize with How Do I Know (Mr H. C. Woo) and Gay Prince (Mr Chuang) fighting out the second and third positions. A pony which could cause an upset is Cornhill (Mr Parsons), while Valbridge (Mr Tsai) is by no means out of the race.

RACE FOUR

Lancaster Handicap: From The Half Mile Post Once Round & Back.

This is the main event of the day and is confined to Class 3 ponies. Gold Crown (Mr Chuang) which has shown fine form in the morning gallops should have a good chance of scoring here.

Incidentally will be taken out by Mr Plumby and I expect it to give Gold Crown a good run for the first prize. Rainbow (Mr

Wei), is also fighting fit and will be in at the finish. Meadowbrook (Mr Kwok) is good as an outsider.

RACE FIVE

Cornwall Handicap: From 1½ Mile Post.

This sprint race is for 1954 Ponies. Ponies which have won more than \$1,500 or less than \$1,250 in stakes, are barred. From the entries, Possibility II (Mr Samarcq), which was second to Jingle Bell in the Talkokstul Plate over the mile at the 6th Race Meeting is the best. A win here is indicated.

Good Girl (Mr Liu), can move fairly fast and should not have any difficulty in securing second position. For the third position Jungle Queen (Mr Hsu) and Timber (Mr Gregory), will fight out the issue.

RACE SIX

Cheshire Handicap (Second Section): One Mile.

The four ponies which will probably catch the judges' eyes in this race are Firestone (Mr Samarcq), Huntington (Mr Plumby), United Victory (Mr Ng) and Atomic Caesar (Mr Starr Liu).

Firestone is my choice and I think it should win, but Huntington is not to be ignored as this pony is quite dependable and I should not be surprised to see it having a say at the finish. United Victory and Atomic Caesar are also good over this distance and can be depended upon to give the above ponies a good fight.

RACE SEVEN

Essex Handicap: Six Furlongs.

Santa Claus (Mr Samarcq) and Ben, Ledi (Mr Tsai) are both in fine form and should fight to the last inch for the premier honours.

Adorable Ada (Mr Chuang) is generally believed to be a higher class animal and I don't see any reason why it cannot furnish Mr Chuang a chance to win. Tiny Grey (Mr Chun Kit), though not running over its favourite distance, is a pretty good each-way investment.

RACE EIGHT

Shropshire Handicap: 1½ Miles.

It is high time that Esquilito Love (Mr Chuang) does something to redeem itself and I see

YESTERDAY'S BADMINTON

PHILIPPINE AND MALAYAN SHUTTLERS ENTER SINGLES SEMI-FINALS

Philippine-Chinese shuttler Sy Khim-piao and Malayan player Lim Yim-siek became the two foreign semi-finalists of the Men's Open Singles event of the Colony Badminton Championships which made further headway yesterday at Talkoo.

Moving about the court with the speed and elasticity of a bounding ball and displaying strong side-line smashes and delicately-executed net shots, youthful left-hander Sy proved too good for Hongkong's second-seeded Robert Tay whom he eliminated by 15-3 and 15-12.

With Tay unable to find his length, Sy ran havoc in the first set with deadly side-whirl smashes and fine net shots to build up a 10-0 lead and win the set comfortably by 15-3.

Sy again jumped to a commanding 9-2 lead in the second set. Tay, in a last stand narrowed the gap to 7-9 and 12-13 but shot his last bolt in the process. Recovering the service Sy completed the set and match with a neat net shot and a smash.

Lim Yim-siek met with strong opposition by a gullible Jimmy Ku in the initial stages of the first set, but gradually dominated the game to win by 15-6 and 15-2.

Lim will now meet Sy in the top half of the draw while in the bottom half, Francisco Rozario will battle it out with the winner of the Bill Funk versus A. Torres match which is due to be played this evening.

Partnered by Adriano Torres Sy Khim-piao scored his second triumph of the evening by beating Jimmy Ku and Ko Wai-bong by 15-8 and 15-8. Ranked as the top combination among the visitors, Torres and Sy gave an impressive display of speed, powerful smashing and strong defence.

THRILLING MATCH

The most thrilling match of the evening was the Mixed Doubles semi-final between Chinese YMCA's Ulian Khoo and Patrick Wong and Gloria Sequeira and W. F. Foo.

This was the only game that went the full distance of three sets, with the second-seeded combination of Khoo and Wong

very little that the others can do to stop it from winning. Souvenir (Mr Alex Lam) and Penforce (Mr Kwok) should have some say in this race. As an outsider Desert Gold (Mr Chen Poo) is worth following.

RACE NINE

Stadford Handicap: From 1½ Mile Post.

Class 9 ponies will try conclusions here. Judging from recent form during morning gallops, I fancy Magpie (Mr Botelho) to win but it is likely to receive strong opposition from Al Fresco (Mr S. W. Tang) and Matador (Mr C. F. Ng), both of which are capable of giving Magpie a good fight.

Ironside (Mr Plumby) and Dashing Beauty II (Mr K. S. Shu) are also considered good enough to extend those named above and may cause an upset here.

RACE TEN

Bury Handicap: From 2 Mile Post.

This is the final event of the first day in which Class 9 ponies will battle out the finish. The two best ponies in this race are undoubtedly Green Velvet (Mr Samarcq) and Angelic Power (Mr Samarcq).

Green Velvet was officially fourth in the Shamshupo Handicap over this distance at the 8th Race Meeting and judging by that performance, it has a good chance of scoring a win here.

Angelic Power has shown improvement under the careful guidance of Mr Samarcq during morning gallops and must therefore be seriously considered. Asbestos (Mr Hung), Helophyte (Mr Tsai) and First Lady (Mr C. L. Liu) are also dangerous and must not be overlooked.

just being able to make it by 12-15, 15-9 and 15-8.

All the three sets were closely contested, and were punctuated by thrilling rallies in which both the lady players played as conspicuous a part as their men-partners.

Gloria Sequeira was in brilliant form throughout the match except towards the closing stages of the game when she lost touch with her services. Ulian Khoo, the Colony champion started off shakily with frequent errors and faulty interceptions but improved tremendously as the match progressed.

Foo played an excellent game in the first set in the back-court but slowed down considerably in the second and third sets both in the power of his smashes and in recovery.

Breach Settled Says PAAF Official

Mr Sebastian Ugarte, Vice-President of Soriano & Co. and football committee member of the Philippine Amateur Athletic Federation, returned to Manila yesterday by PAL after a short business trip.

Before his departure Mr Ugarte said he believed the "misunderstanding" between the Hongkong Football Association and the Philippine Federation has been settled. "We will not have the (students) interpret this year but we will have it next year."

DAI DOWER SEEKS TITLE

London, Apr. 29. Dai Dower, the unbeaten Welsh flyweight, who is ranked number three contender by Ring magazine today for the world title held by Yosio Shirai (Japan), seeks the vacant European title.

He has applied to the British Boxing Board of Control for recognition as a contender for the championship recently relinquished by Louis Sene of France. The Board will be asked to forward his claims to the European Boxing Union—China Mail Special.

Lawyer Beats Ex-Champion

Pinehurst, North Carolina, Apr. 29.

Alex Welch, a young Illinois lawyer, staged an upset today by beating former US and British amateur champion Dick Chapman, one-up in the quarter-finals of the 54th North and South amateur golf tournament—United Press.

SURPRISE WIN

London, Apr. 29.

The Nigerian boxer, Hogan Kid Bassy, advanced his candidature for the British Empire featherweight championship with a surprise victory at Liverpool tonight over the European champion, the Belgian, Jean Stuyvers.

Bassy won on points in ten rounds. He impressed spectators by completely outboxing his plucky opponent—France Press.

Best of the four players was undoubtedly veteran Patrick Wong whose steadiness under pressure and well-placed shots were largely responsible for his side's win.

In the only Men's Doubles match of the evening, Bill Funk and Wong Kai-cheung gained a comfortable first win of 15-5 over Philipines' Simeon Haw and Tui Si-gan but met with strong opposition from their opponents in the second set. Resorting to defensive play, the Philippine pair met with better success in this set, which went to 10-10 before Funk and Wong made the final spurt to win by 15-10.

TONIGHT'S HIGHLIGHT
The Championships continue this evening at the Craigengower Cricket Club with an excellent programme of six events.

Highlights of the evening's games will be the encounter between the Colony's top-seeded shuttler Bill Funk and the Philipines' National champion Adriano Torres.

Torres, who participated in the Colony tournament two years ago and who was then eliminated by Robert Tay in the quarter-final has shown some improvement but is still on the erratic side and unlikely to be able to stand up to the accurate strokes of Funk.

The singles semi-final between Lim Yim-siek and Sy Khim-piao will probably be a closer affair. Both contestants are extremely fit and long rallies should feature this match. Sy's powerful weapon is his side-line smashes but he is likely to crack up if Lim starts returning them.

Lim is slightly the better of the two in all-round play, and has the stamina to outlast his opponent.

THE RESULTS

The following are the results:
Men's Singles.—Robert Tay lost to Sy Khim-piao, 3-15 and 12-15.
Y. S. Lim beat Jimmy Ku, 15-6 and 15-3.
Men's Doubles.—Simeon Haw and Tui Si-gan lost to Bill Funk and Wong Kai-cheung, 5-15 and 10-15.
Jimmy Ku and Ko Wai-hong lost to A. Torres and Sy Khim-piao, 8-15 and 6-15.

Mixed Doubles.—Patrick Wong and Ulian Khoo beat W. F. Foo and Gloria Sequeira, 12-15, 15-9 and 15-7.

TONIGHT'S GAMES

The following games will be played at Craigengower tonight.
Men's Singles.—Sy Khim-piao v Y. S. Lim (semi-finals). A. Torres v Bill Funk (quarter finals).

Mixed Doubles.—Robert Tay and Helen Kwong v Y. S. Lim and Mary Wong (quarter finals). Junior ladies' Doubles.—S. Rammedies and S. Sequeira v D. Yeung and Chan Yuen-yue (finals). Senior Men's Doubles.—Rosario and Koh v Bill Funk and Wong Kai-cheung (quarter finals). A. Torres and Ulian Khoo v Jimmy Ku and Ko Wai-bong (quarter finals).

Home Soccer Results

London, Apr. 29. The following are the results of football matches played today:

Division II
Oldham A. 1, 0, Everton 4
Rotherham U. 4, Doncaster R. 0
Division III (Southern)
Bristol City 3, Shrewsbury T. 1
Colchester U. 0, Southend U. 1
Walsall 1, 1, Gillingham 1
Division III (Northern)
Halifax T. 1, Tranmere R. 1
Preston 1, 1, Darlington 1
—Reuter.

THE GAMBOLS



THE TINS EMPTY, GEORGE



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Double Feat By Lopat As Yankees Trim White Sox

New York, Apr. 29. Steady Eddie Lopat, while cooling off in a shower, passed two milestones at once today, getting credit for his 100th victory as a Yankee and his 150th as a Major League player, but it was his old buddy Allie Reynolds who really preserved things for him.

Reynolds took over and pitched three hitless relief innings in the 5-4 Yankee triumph over the White Sox, which was achieved when these expensive lefty pinch-hitters, Enos Slaughter and Eddie Robinson, delivered a pair of run-producing singles in the sixth inning.

The powerful Reynolds, turning in his finest relief job of the season, struck out four batters and walked only one man. The White Sox got into trouble when catcher Sherman Lollar threw the ball into center field for an error attempting to throw out Gil McDougald on a steal.

McDougald moved to third base. After Phil Rizzuto walked, Slaughter batted for Lopat and singled to score McDougald. A single by Robinson, winning for Jerry Coleman, brought in the winning run.

TWO-RUN HOMER
Earlier, centerfielder Johnny Groth, who had driven in the first Chicago run with a single, smacked a two-run homer to put Chicago in front 4-3. Yogi Berra hit a Yankee homer to tie the game. Lefty Rizzo walked, and Pierce suffered his third defeat for Chicago against a single win.

Mike Garcia, who had been tagged with two straight defeats, came through with his first victory for Cleveland, pitching a six-hitter to beat Boston, 6-3. Garcia struck out eight. Wally Westlake had three singles and drove in two runs and Al Rosen had two singles and drove in three. A homer by Dave Philbrick accounted for the other one. Bobby Avila also had three singles. Rookie third baseman Dave Regalado of the Indians suffered a pulled leg muscle while trying to beat out an infield hit in the sixth and had to be replaced by Al Smith.

Today's results and tonight's games are:

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	R	H	E
Chicago	4	8	1
New York	5	8	0

	R	H	E
Cleveland	6	9	2
Boston	3	6	1
Baltimore at Washington (night)			

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	R	H	E
Brooklyn at Cincinnati (night)			
Pittsburgh at St. Louis (night)			
Philadelphia at Milwaukee (night)			

(Only games scheduled.)

—United Press.

TO-DAY'S SPORTS

SOCCER
FARELY Football Championship
at Colaba, Cup final, 3 p.m.
Regal vs. Vasco "A" at Boundary
Street, Police, 6 p.m.

HOCKEY
Annual Hockey Dance at Club
Luisiano, 8.30 p.m.

BADMINTON
Colony Open Championships.
TUESDAY

TENNIS
List Closes for Australian Sub
1955.

MEETINGS
HK Lawn Bowls Association
Meeting.

Bright Cricket In Season's Opening Games

London, Apr. 29. Nottinghamshire won their two-day friendly match against Derbyshire today in the spirit of brighter cricket, hitting 55 runs in the last 15 minutes to gain a five-wicket victory.

Cyril Poole, Nottingham left hander, made 131 in two and a quarter hours with three sixes and 10 fours.

Fred Gardner, Warwickshire opening batsman, scored a century in four hours 23 minutes against Cambridge University and carried his score to 148 not out before Warwickshire declared.

J.P. Fellowes-Smith, Oxford University's South African batsman, hit 100 in sixty-five minutes in a university trial match and then retired. His chief hits were two sixes and 17 fours.

The following were the close-play scores of first class cricket matches played today:

At Cambridge: Cambridge University 100 and 21 for no wickets; Warwickshire 308 for no wickets declared (Gardner not out 148, Bromley 53, Townsend not out 60).

At Nottingham: Nottinghamshire beat Derbyshire by five wickets (two-day match). Derbyshire 280 for eight declared and 142 for six declared (Douland four for 33). Nottinghamshire 261 (Poole 131) and 143 for five.

At Taunton: Hampshire 230 for eight declared (Rogers 107, Hill 59). Somerset 148 for no wickets (Gimblett not out 82, Smith not out 50)—(two-day match).—Reuter.

More Arrivals

Manila, Apr. 29. Two hundred athletes, 112 from Nationalist China, arrived here on different flights yesterday afternoon to compete in the Second Asian Games.

Sixty of the arrivals comprise the third batch of Japanese athletes and officials while 41 came from Thailand, Malaya and Hongkong. Mr. Jack Skinner headed the arrivals from Hongkong.—France-Press.

WELL BEATEN



Stuart Leary, Charlton centre-forward, seen about to put the ball in the net to score Charlton's first goal, with Jones, the Aston Villa goalie well beaten.

NOW THEY WANT TO MAKE "PYGMALION" INTO A MUSICAL

By KEN SMITH

Bernard Shaw will soon join the distinguished playwrights (Shakespeare and Oscar Wilde among them) who are rotating in their graves at the way their works are being handled by modern producers. Reason: his 40-year-old classical comedy *Pygmalion* is to be made into a musical.

The idea of combining the play with songs and dances comes from round impresario, Henry Sherek, who will present it in conjunction with Gabriel Pascal, Shaw's friend and confidante.

"Gabby" was the only man Shaw would allow to film his plays (latest: *Androcles and the Lion*, with Jean Simmons, got a cool reception from the critics).

Sherek badly wants to sign up:

(1) Margaret Lockwood as the Cockney flower-seller Eliza (who played the role on the stage at the Edinburgh Festival in 1951).

(2) George Sanders as Higgins, the professor who teaches Eliza how to act like a duchess and an aristocrat.

(3) Sandy Wilson to write the adaptation for the film score and lyrics. The 29-year-

old Sandy wrote the current hit, *The Boy Friend*, the riotous show with the cloche hats, Charleston, knee-high hem-line and no wais.

Will have to wait

If Sherek insists on Maggie and Sandy the show will have to wait until 1955. Maggie is starting rehearsals soon for Agatha Christie's new murder play, *Spider's Web*, and Sandy leaves for America this summer to see the opening there of *The Boy Friend*.

What do they think of Sherek's idea? Margaret said: "It sounds fun."

Sandy said: "A very interesting idea, but we have not got down to talking dates and places yet."

CYNICAL SHAW

What would Shaw have said? Probably: "Not Pygmalion likely! But listen to him on what 'the experienced knights of the blue pencil' would do with St. Joan."

"Having saved an hour and a half by disembowelling the play, they would at once proceed to waste two hours in building a elaborate scenery, having real water in the River Loire and staging an obviously sham fight for possession of it, with Joan on a real horse."

"The intervals between the acts while these splendours were being built up and then demolished by the stage carpenters would seem eternal, to the great profit of the refreshment bars."

"And the weary and demoralised audience would curse me for writing such... interminably dreary plays."

"So perhaps it will be as well for the public to see the play while I am still alive."

P.S.—I wonder what Sherek will call the new *Pygmalion*? *Eliza Dances*?

MUSICAL ROBIN

Talking of musicals, Robin Hood, one of the late Douglas Fairbanks' best films, and brought to the screen more recently by Errol Flynn, Walt Disney and others, is on M-G-M's agenda as a musical.

Howard Keel, "discovered" at Drury Lane, and now a Hollywood star in his own right, has been chosen to play Robin Hood.

WHO WILL WIN?
The race is on. The runners: 20th Century Fox and Burt Lancaster's own company.

The prize: To be the first studio to film the story of the thrilling macabre scheme plotted by Allied naval intelligence, to fool the Nazi High Command into the belief that the attack in Europe would start in Greece and Sardinia instead of Sicily.

20th Century Fox, after a year's negotiations, have bought for 25,000 dollars the screen rights of *The Man who Never Was*, by Ewan Montagu, the Navy's Judge Advocate.

They want Richard Burton and James Mason to star. Burt Lancaster's company own the screen rights of *The Man who Never Was*, in which the story was also told.

"He wants to film it in the style of *The Man who Never Was*," said the company.

Michael Balcon, with Alec Guinness as the star.

SUCCESSFUL LIFE

Ben Lyon, whose first film for 23 years, *Life With The Lyons* (with wife Bebe Daniels and teenage children Barbara and Richard) is breaking records on its initial provincial release, was recalling that his last epic, *Hell's Angels*, made in 1931, cost £1,000,000.

Life With The Lyons (the first of a series), based on his successful radio show, cost £28,000, and was made in 14 days.

TALK OF NEW YORK

All New York is talking about Audrey Hepburn and Mel Ferrer, whose association is not only romantic but business.

Audrey has no interviews or photographs without Mel, or Mel without Audrey. They also take their stage bows together in the highly successful *Online*.

Audrey seems completely fascinated by Mel—and she isn't the first one who has fallen for Ferrer's charms.

Russia May Not Withdraw From Olympics

Melbourne, Apr. 29. Olympic officials said today that they did not expect the breach in diplomatic relations between Australia and the Soviet Union to affect Russia's participation in the 1956 Olympic Games at Melbourne.

Lieutenant-General William Bridgeford, chief executive officer, stated, "It is far too early yet to say for certain, but I imagine the Federal affair will be settled before then."

Edgar Tanner, Secretary of the Australian Olympic Federation, said he felt that the Soviet withdrawal would be very hard before withdrawing from the Games.

Other Olympic officials were more cautious, suggesting that it would be wise to await the developments of the Royal Commission into the Petrov allegations.—United Press.

Jim Carruthers Has One More Pound To Shed

Bangkok, Apr. 30. Jimmy Carruthers underwent strenuous training on Thursday night with two rounds of shadow boxing, two rounds of skipping, two rounds of floor exercises and four rounds of training with trainer McKinnell.

Jimmy weighed 122 pounds before training. After a full hour's exercise he came down to 119 pounds.

McKinnell said he wanted Carruthers to weigh 117 pounds 12 ounces, when he weighs in on Sunday.

Carruthers would have to work hard in order to make the 118-pound requirement while his challenger is now taking 117 1/2 pounds. Carruthers was shopping Jimmy Carruthers' weight.

"I'm going to lose weight," Carruthers said. "I'm going to lose weight."

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Bernard Hunt's Series On Golf Starts TOMORROW

The first of a series of articles on golf by Bernard Hunt will appear in tomorrow's China Mail. This new feature will appear every Saturday for the next few weeks.

Bernard Hunt, top money winner of British Professional Golf in 1953, is off again after the big money of 1954, right in front in the first matches of the season.

Last October, at 23, he was picked in Britain's Ryder Cup team against America. During the 1953 season he won the Spalding Tournament, the Match Play foursome at Lindrick, with Jack Hargreaves, the Glasgow-Saxone match play foursome at Glenegles with amateur Stewart Ross; the Assistant Professionals' stroke and match play Championships (he beat his younger brother Geoff in final of latter contest); and the Warwickshire Professional Championship.

He is now with his father at Harborne Country Club. He is considered one of the best strikers of a golf ball in the country with all the potential of ability and temperament to become a world-beater.

Tall, powerful, handsome Bernard is a well balanced young man who gives full credit for his progress to his father who has been a golf professional and top class teacher for more than 25 years. In this series of articles he will draw freely on his father's wealth of experience and tell how he has built up his game under his direction.

One of the remarkable things is that Bernard and his younger brother Geoff—he is now 18—are entirely different in style. "The secret of good golf," says the world-wise Mr. Hunt, "is not to standardise everybody's style but to make the most of their natural way of hitting a ball."

That is exactly what Bernard Hunt—the leading light of the professional golfers of Britain today—will try to do for you in this series of instructional articles.

Manila, Apr. 30. The Asian Games sprint trials at the 200-metres dash, but not in the 100-metres dash.

Drawn in the inside lane of the heat of the 100-metres sprint, he faces Pakistan champion Abdul Khalik, in lane six, Indian soldier M. Gabriel, whose performance of 10.4 last February is still awaiting ratification as the Indian record in lane seven on the outside and Japanese veteran Tomio Hosoda, in lane three.

Hosoda's best is 10.6 and Khalik's time is 10.5.

All three have, in peak form, returned faster times than performers and there is an even chance for the Hongkong champion to survive into the semi-finals.

In the 200-metres dash, which event Xavier holds at present third fastest time in Asia, he very comfortably drew in the fourth heat against a collection of sprinters well below his class.

So there is every chance that on Monday, shortly after 5 p.m., Hongkong will have the first athlete to cross the finishing line in the premier sprint in an international event—only in the heat.—France-Press.

Probables For The 1,000 Guinea Race

London, Apr. 29. Thirteen probable, with jockeys for the 1,000 guinea classic event, the 1,000 guineas to be run over one mile at Newmarket at 1.55 GMT today, are:

Elizabeth Tudor (J. Mercer), Big Berry (L. Pigott), Foston (H. Bressley), Hytera (W. H. Carr), Fresco (E. Brith), Bibi (C. Smirke), Elyvaugh (K. P. Snythe), Sybil's Niece (W. Bickford), Cascade (C. Smith), Kay (Sir Gordon Richards), Welsh Fairy (F. Dunn), Fair Jane II (F. Palmer).

Sybil's Niece is a doubtful starter.

Nine probable and jockeys for the Free Handicap for two-year-olds running at 1.55 GMT today, are: Prince Arthur (No. 10), Elyvaugh (C. Mercer), Royal Troubadour (C. Smith), Northcote (C. Brith), Star Line (S. G. G. Richards), Lys (S. G. G. Richards), High Road (D. Bury)—China Mail Special.

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LAWN BOWLS TEAMS
Following are the lawn bowls team selections for matches this week-end:

U.S.R.C.
U.S.R.C. friendly v. K.B.C.C. tomorrow at 3.30 p.m. at K.B.C.C. Club. Team: N. Hart Baker, M. Scott, D. L. Edwards, D. Van Zuden, T. Wood, H. Holliver, J. C. Taylor, W. H. Stevenson, J. Hides, G. Hill, G. D. Agnew, L. T. B. Smithers, T. Curry, A. Stevens, C. Ingledew, S. M. M. Taylor, A. Saker.

H.K.F.C.
H.K.F.C. friendly v. H.K. Electric Recreation Club at Club tomorrow at 3.30 p.m. at K.B.C.C. Club. Team: J. H. Baker, M. Scott, D. L. Edwards, D. Van Zuden, T. Wood, H. Holliver, J. C. Taylor, W. H. Stevenson, J. Hides, G. Hill, G. D. Agnew, L. T. B. Smithers, T. Curry, A. Stevens, C. Ingledew, S. M. M. Taylor, A. Saker.

K.B.C.C.
K.B.C.C. friendly v. U.S.R.C. at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club at 3.30 p.m. at K.B.C.C. Club. Team: J. H. Baker, M. Scott, D. L. Edwards, D. Van Zuden, T. Wood, H. Holliver, J. C. Taylor, W. H. Stevenson, J. Hides, G. Hill, G. D. Agnew, L. T. B. Smithers, T. Curry, A. Stevens, C. Ingledew, S. M. M. Taylor, A. Saker.

MATCH CANCELLED
The friendly lawn bowls match between the U.S.R.C. and the K.B.C.C. scheduled to be played at the K.B.C.C. Club on Sunday at 3.30 p.m. has been cancelled due to the bad weather.

Who is YOUR H.K. FOOTBALLER OF THE YEAR?

NEVER before has there been so much public interest in Hongkong soccer than during the season now ending. And never before has the Colony boasted so many talented players—players who have given tens of thousands of soccer "fans" clever and thrilling exhibitions of their prowess in this greatest of all local field sports.

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China Mail readers are cordially invited to fill in the form below, nominating whom they regard as the Colony's outstanding footballer of the current season.

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(1) Footballing prowess.
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Nominations should be addressed to The Editor, China Mail, Wynnham Street, Hongkong. Entries will close on MONDAY, MAY 10.

The result will be announced on Saturday, May 15.

To the Editor, China Mail.

My nomination for Hongkong's Footballer of the Year, taking into regard his playing ability and his sportsmanship on the field of play is

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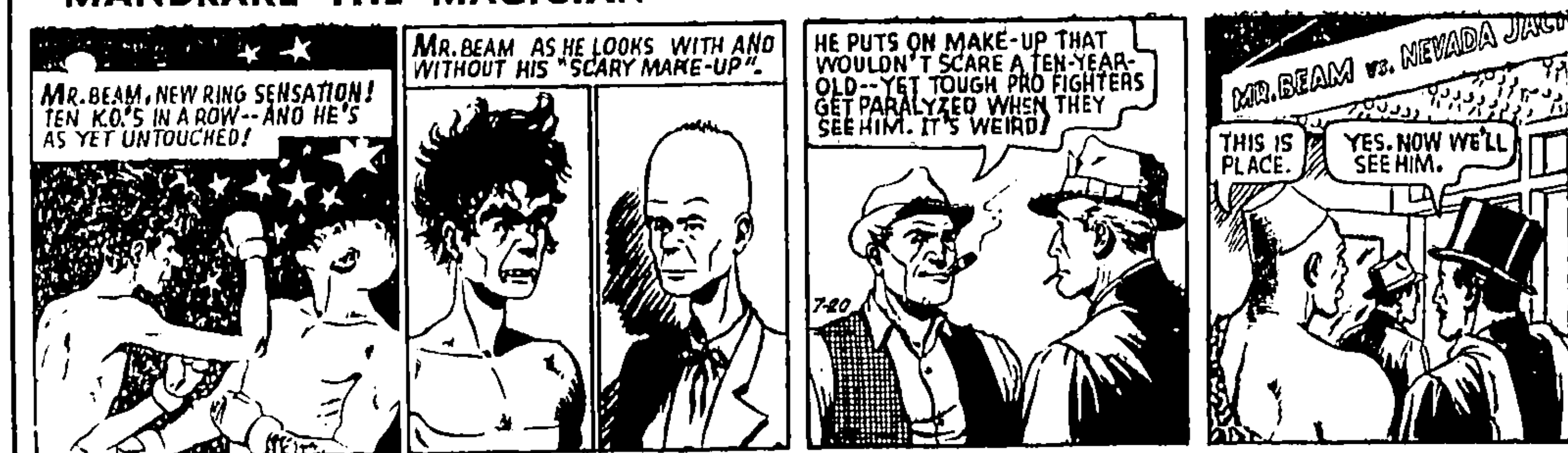
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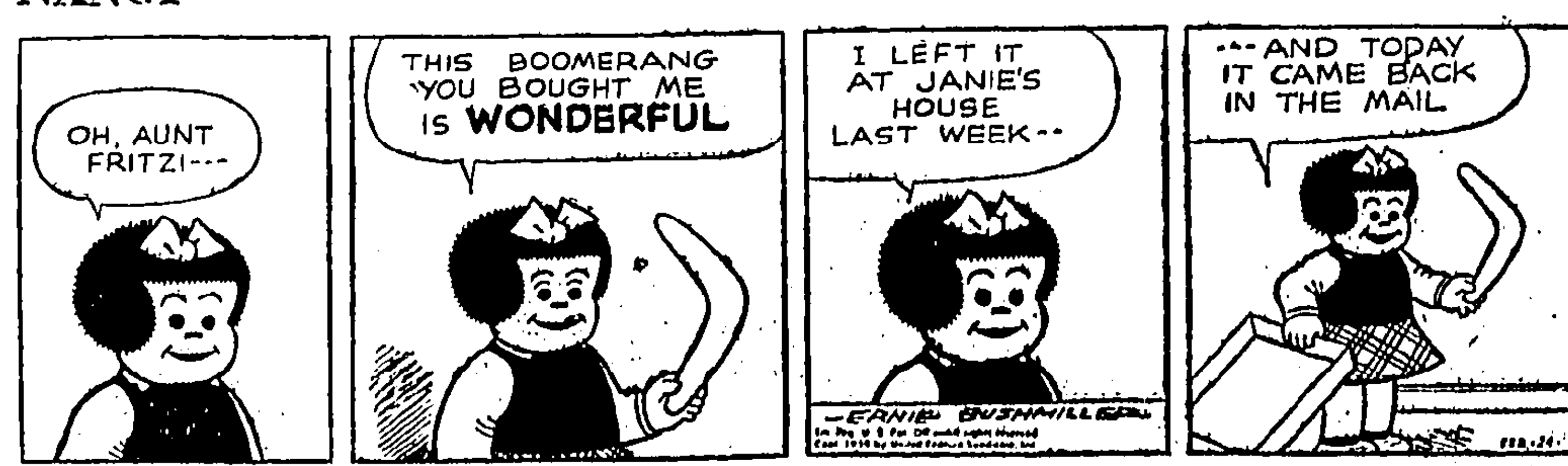
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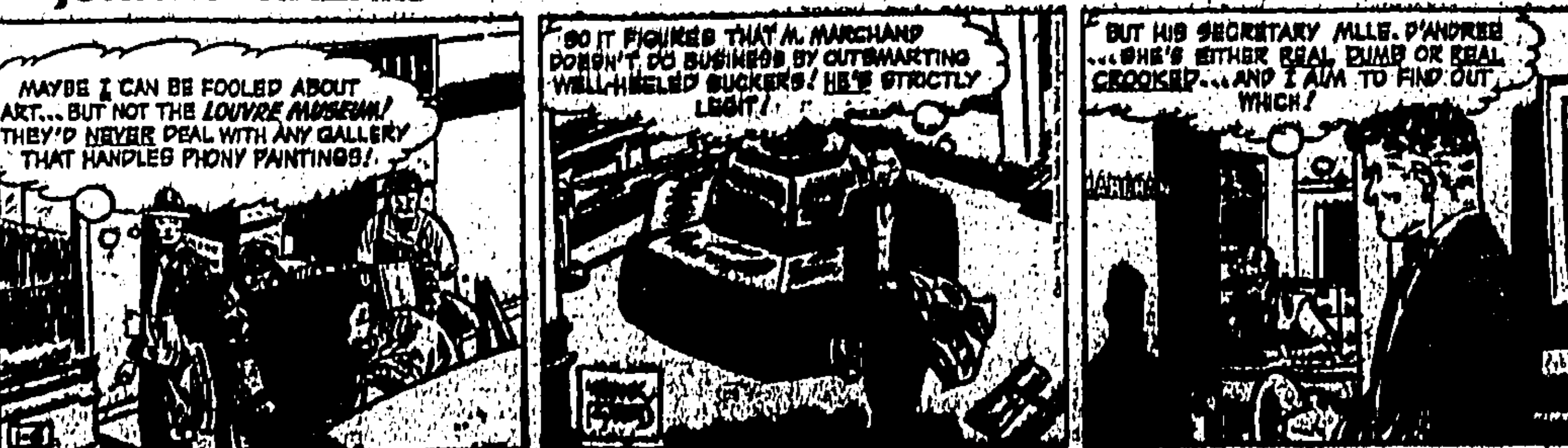
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H.K.T. Time Signal and Programme Summary 6.00. Contact: A Radio Magazine for the Rising Generation of Radio News Viewers. Interviews, Stories and Music. Produced by Rosemary Richards (Studio); 6.30. Cantonese by Radio-Lesson 12 Prepared by S. K. Lee. Directed by Denis Bray and Lee Wai-lan (Recorded). 6.45. Tip Top Times presented by Jeanie. The Film of April chosen by Listeners in their Requests (Studio). 7.15. Artist of the Week - Solomon (Piano). "Twenty Questions" from the Conqueror. Radio Hongkong Question Master. Patrick Butler. The Team. Anne Morgan. John Butler. John Little. Percy Shelley (Recorded). 7.45. Weather Report. Time Signal and World News (London Relay). 8.10. News Talk (London Relay). 8.15. Special Announcement. 8.15. Contemporary Number. 8.20. Music. 8.25. News. 8.30. News. 8.35. News. 8.40. News. 8.45. News. 8.50. News. 8.55. News. 9.00. News. 9.05. News. 9.10. News. 9.15. News. 9.20. News. 9.25. News. 9.30. News. 9.35. News. 9.40. News. 9.45. News. 9.50. News. 9.55. News. 10.00. News. 10.05. News. 10.10. News. 10.15. News. 10.20. News. 10.25. News. 10.30. News. 10.35. News. 10.40. News. 10.45. News. 10.50. News. 10.55. News. 11.00. News. 11.05. News. 11.10. News. 11.15. News. 11.20. News. 11.25. News. 11.30. News. 11.35. News. 11.40. News. 11.45. News. 11.50. News. 11.55. News. 12.00. News. 12.05. News. 12.10. News. 12.15. News. 12.20. News. 12.25. News. 12.30. News. 12.35. News. 12.40. News. 12.45. News. 12.50. News. 12.55. News. 1.00. News. 1.05. News. 1.10. News. 1.15. News. 1.20. News. 1.25. News. 1.30. News. 1.35. News. 1.40. News. 1.45. News. 1.50. News. 1.55. News. 2.00. News. 2.05. News. 2.10. News. 2.15. News. 2.20. News. 2.25. News. 2.30. News. 2.35. News. 2.40. News. 2.45. News. 2.50. News. 2.55. News. 3.00. News. 3.05. News. 3.10. News. 3.15. News. 3.20. News. 3.25. News. 3.30. News. 3.35. News. 3.40. News. 3.45. News. 3.50. News. 3.55. News. 4.00. News. 4.05. News. 4.10. News. 4.15. News. 4.20. News. 4.25. News. 4.30. News. 4.35. News. 4.40. News. 4.45. News. 4.50. News. 4.55. News. 5.00. News. 5.05. News. 5.10. News. 5.15. News. 5.20. News. 5.25. News. 5.30. News. 5.35. News. 5.40. News. 5.45. News. 5.50. News. 5.55. News. 6.00. News. 6.05. News. 6.10. News. 6.15. News. 6.20. News. 6.25. News. 6.30. News. 6.35. News. 6.40. News. 6.45. News. 6.50. News. 6.55. News. 7.00. News. 7.05. News. 7.10. News. 7.15. News. 7.20. News. 7.25. News. 7.30. News. 7.35. News. 7.40. News. 7.45. News. 7.50. News. 7.55. News. 8.00. News. 8.05. News. 8.10. News. 8.15. News. 8.20. News. 8.25. News. 8.30. News. 8.35. News. 8.40. News. 8.45. News. 8.50. News. 8.55. News. 9.00. News. 9.05. News. 9.10. News. 9.15. News. 9.20. News. 9.25. News. 9.30. News. 9.35



Photographed at Victoria station, London, prior to leaving are four of the thirty London children who spent Easter on a London County Council sponsored trip to Berchtesgaden. Hitler's layout of retreat in the Bavarian Alps. They were not able to see Hitler's mansion, the Berghof, as it was destroyed by bombs in 1945. But they visited the Eagle's Nest, his chalet on a nearby 6,000ft. peak. The Berchtesgaden party is one of two going to Germany this spring. The other will visit the Rhineland.—Express Photo.

A New Riddle From The Sands Of Egypt

Sakkara, Western Desert, Apr. 29.

A number of sensational discoveries have been made here this year by a Briton whose life work is to dig up the past in the hope of filling in gaps in our knowledge of the earliest days of Pharaonic history.

Professor W. B. Emery, 50-year-old Edwards Professor of Egyptology in the University of London, concentrating on the First and Second Dynasties of the Pharaohs, about which little is known, is conducting excavations in the Archaic necropolis at Sakkara, sandy plateau, 20 miles south of Cairo.

Most important of his discoveries so far is a tomb and temple which may be that of Ka'a, last king of the First Thinnite dynasty, who lived about 5,000 years ago, or one of his noblemen.

Another important find is a stellar or an upright slab in a pillar inscribed with early hieroglyphics.

A great enclosure wall surrounds the whole installation of tomb and temple, which, in the opinion of Professor Emery, is undoubtedly the prototype of the pyramid complex of the later Third and Fourth dynasties.

Professor Emery has found evidence that life in the earliest Pharaonic times was of a by no means primitive order.

"What we have found, indicates that at that time civilisation in the Nile Valley was well advanced. We found traces of a people with an obviously highly-organised form of government, both political and religious, with a great knowledge of architecture, and with a superb sense of craftsmanship in carving wood and ivory and making pottery and stone vessels.

"We must remember that the material found was 5,000 years old when Tut Ankh Amon was born."

Adjoining the newly discovered tomb, Professor Emery found a near-circular structure which has set a new archaeological riddle among Egyptologists here.

CURVES FOUND

Although this structure is of a later date than the tomb, it is the first time that curves have been encountered in Pharaonic temple architecture, which usually consists of straight lines and angles. And it may yet prove to be a missing link between the simple mastaba-type tomb of the first dynasty Pharaoh-kings and the more massive and elaborate Step Pyramid of King Zoser of the Third dynasty.

Working under a blazing African sun, Professor Emery and a team of four, including three Britons and one Dutch and 70 Egyptian labourers started digging in the quick-shifting sand on January 12 this year. The expedition, the only foreign one, was sent by the British-sponsored Egypt Exploration Society, working on behalf of the Egyptian Service of Antiquities.

Clearance of an area of two acres resulted in the discovery of a First Dynasty tomb, which may date back to the reign of the Pharaoh Ka'a, in approximately 2,800 B.C.

Although the tomb has been completely plundered and burnt out, it presents Egyptologists with new material of exceptional importance, according to Professor Emery.

Although the monument has suffered considerably from fire, it is yet well enough preserved for traces of the 5,000 years ago to be found in the excavations in good condition.

The tomb consists of a great mastaba—a flat-topped rectangular superstructure, so called mastabas in Arabic, seen outside houses in Egyptian villages—of mud brick with an elaborately encrusted exterior originally painted with multi-coloured designs in red, blue, green, yellow, white and black.

The mastaba originally stood nearly 50 feet high, with a massive, paneled enclosure 10 feet thick.

On a low mud bench running round the tomb has been modelled a series of bulls' heads, made of mud. Into the mud heads, real horns were inserted.

The purpose of these heads is not clear. They may have been a protection for the tomb, or they may have been food offerings to the dead man.

A descending passage below the mastaba leads into a great rock-cut burial chamber, which, although entirely destroyed by fire, yet retained the charred remains of a great wooden sarcophagus, or coffin.

Rock-cut chambers which stored extra funerary furniture, food and wives for the next life on each side of the entrance passage, were also destroyed by fire.

From these chambers and the burial chamber, hundreds of broken stone vessels and pieces of pottery were recovered by the excavators. What was more important, clay sealings bore the name of King Ka'a and the names of high officials of the period, most prominent of whom was Mer-ka.

Maze Of Rooms

Within the enclosure, at the north side of the mastaba, is a funerary temple consisting of a maze of rooms and passages similar to the mortuary temples of the pyramids of later periods.

Into this immense structure, which covers an area of nearly three-quarters of an acre, there is only one entrance—on the east side.

For three months, from sunrise to sunset, Professor Emery and his team worked in the field, superintending excavations, and making notes of the architectural details, the forms of brick work, designs, and so on, and where and how objects were found.

Professor Emery said the identification of the owner of his newly discovered tomb was still uncertain. Excavation in the inner east corridor, outside the mastaba, resulted in the discovery of a large stela inscribed with the earliest hieroglyphics with the name of a nobleman called Mer-ka, sealings of whom were also found in the tomb with those of King Ka'a.

But further digging showed that the stela came from a stone-lined subsidiary tomb built in the corridor immediately south of the entrance stairway.

Bones Found

The subsidiary tomb had been rifled, but the bones of a middle-aged man were found in it and its character as a burial contemporary and part of the original structure was beyond dispute.

The problem now is: "Was the great tomb the burial place of Mer-ka and was the subsidiary grave that of a sacrificed slave interred below Mer-ka's funerary stela? Or, does the tomb belong to King Ka'a and was Mer-ka given the honour of burial within the precincts of his master's funerary monument?"

Mer-ka was a nobleman of distinction for on his stela he is given the title of "Rpa" or stent, the equivalent of the now abolished modern Egyptian title of pasha or lordship. He also had another title, that of "Sem", or high priest.

It was difficult to imagine, that a noble of even Mer-ka's distinction would be allowed to build a tomb so much superior to that of his royal master.

Professor Emery is also puzzled by the big fire which turned the mud bricks into red bricks. The fire must have raged for weeks to penetrate 10 feet thick walls.

Early discoverers thought that it was some sort of ritual burning, but this is contrary to the religious ideas of the ancient Egyptians. It is possible that tomb robbers set the place on fire to obliterate traces of their marauding, but Professor Emery has a new theory that dynastic rivalry was responsible for King Ka'a destroying the tombs of previous dynasties.

Professor Emery, who is now finishing his excavation and preparing his report, hopes to return to Sakkara later in the year to continue his work. For he is convinced that in the sands of Egypt, like the sands of Mesopotamia, lie the answers to one of the riddles of ancient history.

Better Tone On Hongkong Share Market

By A Special Correspondent

Molotov exchanging honeyed words with Bidart, on Indo-China Chou En-lai, arrogant, but talking of "consolidating world peace"—these two developments at Geneva restored some confidence on the Hongkong Stock Exchange yesterday and the market closed on a steady, almost a firmer note.

The market tone yesterday was in marked contrast to the depressed conditions of Tuesday when doubts about Geneva and the deteriorating situation in Indo-China affected a number of world stock and commodity markets. There appeared to be no anxious sellers yesterday and prices held up well and in some cases even improved on Wednesday's closing rates.

The turnover—about \$1 million—was the highest since the Geneva pessimism set in about two weeks ago.

Although Banks at \$1,660 were down \$5 on Wednesday's figures, they were up \$15 on last Friday's price—then about the lowest level since the recent boom in Banks.

Unions were active and about 300 shares changed hands at \$805. Brokers point out that even though these shares are among the lowest-yielding stocks on the market at present—Unions at 8% and Banks at 4%—investors regard them as the safest bet when conditions in the Far-East become unsettled.

Yumatis were wanted and the buying bids improved from \$141 in the morning call to \$143 in the afternoon. The spur was obviously continued hopes of a bonus issue. The company's financial position at the moment is very sound and it has big reserves. There is discussion in the market now of a possible extension of that company's ferry services. The crying need at the moment is another vehicle service. The congestion on the existing car ferries is noticeable particularly in the weekends when there are long bank-ups of cars on either side of the harbour with motorists going to Happy Valley, Fan Ling and Sheung Shui. Market observers list a new car ferry run as the most likely extension.

Star Ferries have also held up well recently—this is another company with strong reserves. Last sale was at \$130 but yesterday there were no buyers at \$131. A total of 7,500 Wheelock's shares changed hands at \$7.50, five cents lower than Wednesday's closing price. The company's bid, improved from \$7.45 on the morning call to \$7.50 in the afternoon. Wheelock's gradual decline from \$8 earlier this month is understandable in view of the trend of share prices on the local exchange. Brokers point out that this company holds a lot of local shares which have slipped down in the last fortnight.

Utilities were active and about 300 shares changed hands at \$100. The company's financial position at the moment is very sound and it has big reserves. There is discussion in the market now of a possible extension of that company's ferry services. The crying need at the moment is another vehicle service. The congestion on the existing car ferries is noticeable particularly in the weekends when there are long bank-ups of cars on either side of the harbour with motorists going to Happy Valley, Fan Ling and Sheung Shui. Market observers list a new car ferry run as the most likely extension.

New York Sugar Market

New York, Apr. 29. World No. 4 sugar futures closed today one point lower to one point higher with sales of 394 contracts.

Domestic No. 6 sugar futures closed unchanged with sales of 100 contracts.

May liquidation weighted the nearby month in the world contract, although 56 transferable notices issued today were reported promptly shipped.

Dealers understood India purchased a large cargo of Cuban raws at 3.38 cents a pound, involving \$9,000 to \$10,000 tons. Further buying interest was reported in the world market at that level.

An Indian bid for 100,000 tons of Cuban refined was reported bogged down over the question of price.

Domestic futures ruled unchanged in a quiet market.

Contract No. 4 (world)

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Arthur Remembers

ARTHUR knew what it was to be ill, to be an invalid. When he was barely out of his teens, he was severely wounded and badly gassed. That was towards the end of the 1914-18 war. He was nursed back to health, or to a sort of health, for the mark of the wounds and the gassing is upon him still, and he went to work and settled contentedly into obscurity.

From the start, Arthur worked among books. First in one bookshop, then in another, each time changing his job for one offering better prospects. In course of time, he married, and he and his wife brought up a daughter.

THE BLOW

THEY were a contented family, and when a blow fell upon them 15 months ago, it did not shake their solidarity. The blow was a financial one. Because business was bad, Arthur's salary was cut. The £12 a week Arthur had been getting, the peak earning he had striven for such a long time to reach, was dropped to £10.

Arthur broke the news at home, and he and his wife and daughter went to work together, trimming their budgets. They would have got by all right in the changed circumstances, but then one day Arthur's wife was taken seriously ill. She was taken to hospital, and there for a long time she stayed.

MONEYLENDERS

THE Welfare State did its best for her, and gave her all it could of treatment and attention. But it could not provide the trimmings that invalids appreciate.

Arthur remembered the time when he had been the invalid, remembered the weary long months and the difference the trimmings had made. He resolved his wife should have all she wanted.

He had not really the money to carry out his resolution. He got himself into debt trying to live up to it, and when creditors grew clamorous, he went to moneylenders. Then the moneylenders began to press, and press hard.

On two days, recently, Arthur stole from the till in the bookshop where he worked. Twice

AN HONOURABLE LIFE

THE police were called. On the following morning, Arthur pleaded guilty at Great Marlborough Street to embezzling the three sums of money. There was no question of other sums being involved, the police told Mr Rowland Thomas, QC, the magistrate.

Arthur's solicitor rose to speak for him. "This man, sir," he began, "is 56 years old. He has led an honourable and decent life. He got into the hands of the moneylenders, and he paid interest to them at a simply incredible rate. The manager of the shop is here."

The manager came into the witness-box. "I've known this man over 20 years," he said, "he's always been steady and hard-working."

IT WILL NOT BE EASY

"WHAT about his job?" the magistrate asked. "I'm afraid he's lost it, sir, the directors..."

The solicitor rose to speak again. "It will not be easy for a man of 56, with a conviction for dishonesty to get another job. And after 20 years of married life, this man has had to confess himself to his wife as a thief. He would never have done this, but for the moneylenders."

The magistrate turned to Arthur. "I'm letting you off much too lightly," he said. "You must pay £5 and three guineas costs."

"Thank you, sir," Arthur said humbly, and went off, stooped and slow in movement, because of the wounds of so long ago.

Welch Band Goes To Macao

Sixty members of the Band and Drums of the Welch Regiment left this morning in the ss Fashan on a 24-hour courtesy visit to Macao for the first time in 17 years.

The Welch bandmen will attend a local football match this afternoon, after which they will perform the traditional ceremonial of Beating the Retreat at the football stadium.

The Welch party hope that during their stay in Macao they will be able to give a concert in which they will play exactly the same programme as given by the Welch band which visited there 27 years ago.

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OUR AUSTRALIAN NEWSLETTER

Petrov Affairs: The Story That Had Everything

FROM H. KING WOOD

Sydney, Apr. 23.

All the talk, of course, is of the Petrov Affairs, and it is doubtful if anything has aroused so much public interest since the outbreak of war. Long queues have been buying each edition of the newspapers as they hit the news stands and lapping up every word of the spy thriller served up to them.

And, of course, it is a story that has everything... the dramatic switch of the secret police agent... the arrival from Moscow of the two burly, sullen couriers... the love interest in the woman he left behind... mob scenes at the airport... the brawl at Darwin... and the slow fade-out as the woman joins her mate.

But a lot of people who usually have their eye close to the ground aren't particularly hopeful about the happy ending. They have a feeling that this is only chapter one of what could well be a tragic story.

These people have a tiny fear that the Government hasn't shown to good advantage now that the world spotlight is focused upon it.

When Petrov first switched all seemed well. Prime Minister Menzies' statement to Federal Parliament was dignified, restrained. Members of both sides heard him in silence; all leaders later pledged support to the Government in its action.

This was something above petty party politics, we now had the eye of the world.

But it didn't remain above party politics long. The Prime Minister saw fit to answer a statement allegedly made by Mrs Petrov at the Russian Embassy; Opposition Leader "Doc" Evatt brought into the argument on a party level by answering Menzies; Menzies answered him — and soon we were back to the parish pump.

Opinion in circles close to the Government is that the Prime Minister would have shown himself more to advantage if he had left the side issues flow along without taking part.

Worst exhibition, according to many, was the affair at Darwin airport when Mrs Petrov elected to remain in Australia. With something like 30 armed police around the plane, it would seem that other measures could have been adopted other than the Russian couriers to get their pistols from them.

Some people are saying that if these tactics were necessary it would have reflected more credit on all concerned if they had been carried out in the privacy of some office at the airport.

Maybe all that happened at Darwin was necessary, perhaps the officials showed admirable restraint, but to the layman it all seems to be a little highly coloured, and he cannot quite rid himself of a feeling that the same results could have been achieved with a little more diplomacy and a little less melodrama.

TREMELOUS EVENT

The switch of Petrov is, of course, something tremendous — not only for Australia, but for the western world. One cannot help feeling that the stories leaking out about what the Petrov documents contain are more the results of imagination than knowledge, for it is extremely unlikely that the Government would have anyone on this job who was likely to talk. But if only half of what they are saying is true, then the promised Royal Commission is going to be dynamite.

The stories have it that some well known Australians are Red under-cover men, and that the Russian link with the industrial unrest among many of our unions is clearly shown. Incidentally, a late tip is that Russia may fold up her Embassy in this country as a mark of protest of our handling of the Petrov affair.

All in all, the next couple of weeks promise to be interesting.

GHOST TOWN VANDALS

Some months ago this column told how the NSW town of Glen Davis, once a thriving mining community which lived on the hope of shale oil, was dying.

Today the ghost town has become a hotbed of theft and vandalism.

Vandals are stripping the 80 empty houses of the town of doors, sinks, taps and electrical fittings. Night-time prowlers are stealing scrap copper and equipment from the valuable shale oil plant that is being dismantled.

TERRIFYING TRAFFIC

John Rowe, a retired Adelaide Customs officer, who has driven his caravan 8,000 miles through New Zealand, and 11,000 miles in all parts of Australia, refused this week to drive through Sydney traffic.

With his wife, he brought his half-ton caravan and car from a tour of New Zealand. He said after a foot tour of the city: "I'm terrified. Your traffic is shocking. Drivers squeeze past you, bump you, or miss you by inches. If you drive on hazy roads, New Zealand roads, on the edge of cliffs where two cars can't pass and where luck is needed — but I've never yet seen anything to equal the traffic in Sydney streets. I won't drive on them."

For something really out of the box John Rowe ought to take a trip with a Sydney taxi driver at peak hour on Friday evening.

"I'd really get his money's worth."

Less than 18 months ago 2,000 happy people lived in Glen Davis. Today it is peopled by less than 200 rather bitter inhabitants. These people who remain are mainly demolition crews and their families, old age and mine pensioners and a few folk who have fled the cities — including a crippled American who is writing a book.

Glen Davis is dying quickly, and the vandals are helping death along as quickly as they can.

THE ROYAL SHOW

Our famous Royal Easter Show closed this week leaving behind the usual number of broken records.

For one of the few times in its history, the Show ran its appointed course without one wet attendance day (a few points of rain fell on one Sunday). Entries were a record, attendance — well over the million mark — was a near-record; and records in the woodchopping and various other events were smashed.

One interested visitor this year was the Governor-General, Sir William Slim. He was set down to perform the official opening and then remain having a look-see for about an hour.

But the whole thing fascinated him to such an extent that he remained more than three hours after the opening, and so added many grey hairs to his staff which was trying to maintain the heavy Vice-Royal programme.

Sydney's Royal Show is a grand sight, and a marvellous piece of organising work, and it is only a matter of time before someone does something to let it out at the seams before it bursts.

80,000 ITALIANS

Last week it was mentioned that 80,000 new Australians had arrived in this country in the last seven years. It is interesting to note that 80,000 of them have been Italians — and there are still many more of them to come.

With the thousands of Italians already in this country — some of them for many years — they make up by far the largest single foreign national group we have, and are somewhat of a problem to the authorities.

Because of their numbers, their desire to keep together, and their different social habits and background, they are not as easy to assimilate as other groups.

On the north Queensland canfields, particularly, they are a strong force, and in the town of Innisfail street names are printed in Italian as well as English.

Even in N.S.W. the community is so strong that it can support two national language newspapers.

The Government is encouraging them as migrants, however, because they make excellent settlers and have a tendency to go on the land rather than stick to the cities.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"I talked the wife into changing her hobby from singing to sewing, and now look — an embroidered monogram on my brief case!"

Given 2 Years For Manslaughter

Sentence of two years' hard labour was meted out by Mr Justice C. W. Rees, Puisne Judge, at the Criminal Sessions this morning on a 21-year-old apprentice fitter, Chin Mau-sing, who pleaded guilty to a charge of manslaughter on Friday last.

At that hearing, His Lordship had deferred sentence for consideration after hearing a plea of mitigation on accused's behalf by Miss B. K. Searle, instructed by Mr Francis Wong. Chin admitted fatally wounding a fellow-worker, Pak Hung-chai, with a penknife in a scuffle which took place on February 2 at 68 Castle Peak Road, Tsuen Wan, where both of them were employed.

He pleaded not guilty to the charge of murder, but admitted the alternative manslaughter charge. This plea was accepted by Mr D. N. E. Rea, Crown Counsel.

In her mitigation plea last Friday, Miss Searle had said that the evidence was that the deceased, a much bigger and older man, had picked a quarrel with the accused, and that had started the fight. The deceased, she added, was in a high state of temper.

The scuffle occurred on the eve of Chinese New Year, at a time when possibly everybody was in a rather excited state of mind.

Miss Searle had submitted further that the penknife could be by no means be classed as a dangerous weapon, and that it was most unfortunate that it led to the deceased's death.

In deferring sentence, His Lordship said he thought every consideration should be given to the accused in the circumstances.

This morning, in imposing the penalty, he commented that the penknife appeared to be more than a mere toy. It was the sort which could be made ready for use at the touch of a spring.

He told Chin that he was lucky to be receiving the sentence imposed on him.

Imitation Firearm Charge

Cheung Sang, 21 unemployed of Un Long, was remanded for three days by Mr Hin-shing Lo at Central this morning on a charge of possession of an imitation firearm with intent to resist or prevent lawful apprehension.

Cheung is alleged to have had in his possession in Wanchai on Wednesday an imitation revolver with which he resisted Police Constable 4207, Lo Ying. Det. Sub-Ins. Fergus is in charge of the case.

Change in Radio Programme

Owing to poor reception conditions, Radio Hongkong is unable to broadcast the opening of the Owen Falls Hydro-Electric Dam, Uganda, by Her Majesty the Queen this evening. In its place, the first of three talks by John Gilmour, entitled "Trip to New India," will be broadcast at 10 o'clock, followed at 10.40 by Boulevard Cafe.

The following Members of the Port Welfare Committee have been appointed by His Excellency the Governor with effect from April 28: Mr Francisco Xavier d'Almada e Castro, vice the Hon. Charles Edward Terry; Mr Colla Cairns, vice Mr Arthur George Parker; Mr Adolphus Witham, vice Mr Reider Johnnesen.

The Gazette states that His Excellency the Governor has appointed Mr Arthur Duncan Breingan, to be a Member of the Pharmacy Board during the absence from the Colony of Mr Leonard Cecil Ayre with effect from April 19.

A Family To Support, No Excuse For Crime

"Nobody has greater sympathy than the Court with your family that you leave behind when you go to gaol, but were having a family to support an excuse for crime in Hongkong, nobody would be punished for anything at all," declared the acting Chief Justice, Mr Justice T. J. Gould, this morning when the Full Court, in which Mr Justice J. Reynolds was the other member, dismissed appeals brought by two men against severity of sentence for possession of arms and ammunition.

Appellants were Keung Shun-tam, 33, of 2 Fung Fai Terrace, ground floor, Happy Valley, and Li Keung, 27, of 6 Cameron Road, first floor, Kowloon. First appellant had been sentenced to five years' hard labour, and second appellant to two years' hard labour, by Mr Justice J. R. Gregg on April 23, when they were found guilty by a Jury of possession of arms, ammunition and explosives without a licence.

First appellant began his appeal by alleging he had been wrongly convicted. The Full Court pointed out that they had read the papers in the case and saw no reason to interfere with the Jury's verdict, but were prepared to hear what appellant had to say against severity of sentence.

First appellant went on to say that the arms had been deposited with him by a friend. Evidence had been given at his trial by an arms expert that the arms had never been used, and in those circumstances he declared his sentence was too severe. He further said he had not committed any offence before and had a wife, three children and an aged mother to support. He asked the Court to have compassion on his family even if they felt they could not take into account his offence.

Second appellant said the arms were not found in his flat nor on his person. He asked for a reduction of sentence on those grounds.

Dismissing the appeals, Mr Justice Gould made the comments reported above, and went on: "There was a very substantial quantity of arms and ammunition concerned in this charge. A few years ago, your sentence (referring to first appellant) would have been ten years and not five. Circumstances in the Colony have changed to some extent and you were punished in accordance with the present range of sentences, and the Court does not propose to interfere. Both applications are dismissed."

SUCCESSFUL APPEALS

Successful appeals against the imposition of the "cat" were brought by two men, Chan Ping, 23, and Sit Chi-ping, 22, who were sentenced by Mr Justice J. R. Gregg on January 27 to seven years' hard labour and 10 strokes of the "cat" and to six years' hard labour and seven strokes of the "cat" for robbery with aggravation.

The Full Court allowed the appeals to the extent of the reducing the strokes of the "cat" to strokes of the cane. The sentences remain the same.

The Full Court comprising Mr Justice J. R. Gould and Mr Justice J. Reynolds heard several other appeals against conviction and against severity of sentences.

Wong Kan, alias Ah Kan, 21, and Chan Leung, alias Sun Leung, 24, asked for reduction of their sentence of four years' hard labour and six strokes of the "cat" for robbery with aggravation.

First appellant said he was only asking for a reduction and did not give any grounds to support his application.

DUE TO MARRY

Second appellant said he must leave gaol by July 8 next as he was engaged to be married on that day and wished to return to his village in order to do so.

A third man, Wu Sau-wing, alias Chu Tau, 18, sentenced to a similar term together with the other two, appealed against his conviction. He alleged he was arrested by the Police for no reason at all and when he denied any connection with the other men, they subjected him to duress by pressing his fingers against a chopstick inserted between them. He was also asked to sign a piece of paper without knowing its contents, as he could not read. He asserted the charge against him had been "trumped up."

Mr Justice Gould, dismissing the appeals of all three men, told the appellants he had given his story of the "cat" to the Jury and had not believed it.

Cheung Keung-sing, sentenced to four years' hard labour and 10 strokes of the "cat" for robbery with aggravation, appealed against his conviction.

He said the gun was left with him in a cafe by another man. When he discovered the parcel contained a gun he decided to report to the Police and was just about to do so when he was arrested on leaving the cafe.

"A CLEAR CASE"

Mr Justice Gould, dismissing the appeal, said: "This is as clear a case of possession of arms as is possible to have. Evidence was given and accepted by the Judge that you had the arms and ammunition in your pocket and in your bed space. The Judge who tried you heard the whole of your long story and disbelieved it. It is not the function of this Court to give you a second trial."

An appeal against sentence of seven years' hard labour for robbery with aggravation, brought by Chan Hung, alias Leung Yat, was also dismissed by the Full Court.

Appellant claimed he was not doing well in his business and was induced to carry out a robbery in the robbery itself, said his wife and family would starve if he had to go to gaol for seven years.

Mr Justice Gould pointed out that appellant had pleaded guilty to the charge. The robbery had been carried out and the arms and ammunition had been used. The Court saw no reason to interfere with the sentence.

Two men, Teo Chung and Lau Cheung, sentenced to three years' hard labour each for robbery with aggravation, also appealed against their sentences. They both said they had not employed force in carrying out the robbery and asked for a reduction of sentence.

The Full Court said they thought the sentence imposed was fair and dismissed the appeals.

Appellant who had pleaded guilty to possession of arms and ammunition, asked for a reduction of sentence on the ground that he had been sentenced to 18 months' hard labour.

The Full Court said the Trial Judge had taken into consideration appellant's age and previous good character, and had imposed a moderate sentence. The Full Court would not interfere with it and dismissed the appeal.

New Articles Of Association

A special resolution that the new Articles of Association of the Dairy Farm, Ice and Cold Storage Co., Ltd., be adopted as the Articles of Association of the Dairy Farm, Ice and Cold Storage Co., Ltd., was passed at an extraordinary general meeting of the Company held at Windsor House today.

The new Articles, which were proposed by Dr. H. H. H. Chau, Chairman, and adopted by G. J. Edmonds, were adopted for two reasons: firstly, to appoint as Joint Managing Directors of the Company, the present Joint General Managers, Messrs G. Milne and E. J. Cowell in order to enable the Directors to implement this intention; it was necessary to alter the Articles of Association, and appropriate provision for the appointments contemplated, had been made in the new Articles of the Company.

Secondly, the Articles of Association, although reprinted in 1947, had remained substantially unaltered since 1918. Considerable changes in Company Law had taken place, and the opportunity had accordingly been taken, by suitable amendment and expansion, to recast the Articles in modern form.

At the 54th Ordinary Annual Meeting of Shareholders, which immediately preceded the Extraordinary Meeting, the following directors, retiring by rotation, were re-elected on a motion proposed by Mr G. E. Madden, seconded by Mr Hudson Chen Wood, and carried: Messrs J. D. Clague and Mr J. H. Hamm. By the same motion the appointments of Messrs B. T. Finagan and H. M. D. Barton, as Directors, were confirmed.

Messrs. Peat, Marwick, Mitchell and Co. were re-appointed Auditors on a proposal by Mr C. L. Gregory, seconded by Mr R. H. Hanlon and passed unanimously.

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